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FLAGS FLY FOR OUR FORCES

Flags were raised across the UK on Monday in preparation for the first annual National Armed Forces Day. Specially-designed NAFF flags can be seen at Rochester Castle, Gun Wharf and Chatham Historic Dockyard's Main Gate.

The Lord Lieutenant of Kent Allan Willett was among the guests at the dockyard's flag raising ceremony, which was led by veterans Alec Cheyney, Joe Hughes and Brian Lucas.

The dockyard will play host to the flagship NAFF event this Saturday - accommodating more than 30,000 members of the Armed Forces, veterans, cadets and members of the public.

Highlights of the day include a fly past by the Red Arrows and Battle of Britain Memorial Flight, 1940s veterans' area and the visit of two warships.

EXCLUSIVE

BY EMILY HALL

RECKLESS 'urban explorers' are putting their lives at risk by repeatedly breaking into a decaying former cement works.

The trespassers - members of the online community 28dayslater.co.uk - scale fences and slip past security to gain access to the Rochester Cement Works in Halling.

In the latest break-in, a pair of men eluded guards and broke into the main industrial buildings.

They boasted of their exploits online and uploaded dozens of pictures.

In one post on the website - named after the sci-fi film of the same name where the world is deserted except for some virus-infected zombies - a member who calls himself Maniac wrote: "It's been a long time coming this, I've had my eye on this place for years just waiting for the right time to crack it."

"After several reccees of the site over the last few months, and a close study of the plans, we were ready to give it a shot."

His photographs - posted only a few weeks ago - show close-up shots of cement grinding machines, seized up conveyor belts and sky-scraping chimneys.

Another member, who calls himself Shadow and is pictured wearing a dust protection mask, added: "Recce'd this site before finally getting round to exploring it, initially put off by workmen on site we headed back on a

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Whitehall backs primary closures plan, claim Tories

EXCLUSIVE

BY SIMON ROBINSON

THE row over proposed primary school closures shows no sign of abating, with Tory education chiefs insisting the Government backs their controversial plans.

The proposals, which would see three schools close and a further 16 merged, have met with anger from affected pupils, parents and Medway Council's Labour group.

Under-fire children's services boss Cllr Les Wicks and his Labour equivalent, Cllr Bill Esterson, have repeatedly clashed on the issue – and in Yourmedway's letters page in recent weeks.

Cllr Esterson has accused the council of being driven by financial motives, closing schools to save money. The Tories have hit back by claiming the Government backs their proposals.

In a letter handed exclusively to Yourmedway by Medway's Conservative group, Minister for Schools and Learners Vernon Coaker MP writes: "I can confirm that it is our view that maintaining a high level of surplus places can represent an inefficient use of resources, particularly where surplus is in poorly performing schools that are unpopular with parents."

"The removal of surplus places can release resources to enable more popular schools to expand and to help raise standards across the area. "I should make clear that it is for the local authority to take responsibility for balancing the supply of places against demand."

"The primary capital programme (PCP) funding that is available will enable Medway to take a strategic overview of its primary school provision as it looks to deliver a first-class



SOS: Medway's threatened primary schools, including St John's, are battling for survival

education for all its children."

Cllr Wicks said this letter shows that doing nothing with regard to surplus school places could result in Medway losing out on £30 million of PCP investment.

He said: "This letter supports what we've been saying from the beginning, that the Government requires us to take responsibility for addressing surplus places in our schools and that doing nothing is not an option."

Cllr Esterson remains unconvinced. He said: "If the Tories really don't believe in closing the schools, why don't they support the schools' campaigns and challenge these alleged Government instructions?"

"The truth is Government guidelines make it clear they should not be closing any of the schools under threat because they have good standards and offer parental choice because they are small."

"Cllr Wicks and his Tory friends are pretending it is the Government's fault, when everyone else can see local Tories are to blame."

"So far 12,500 people have signed petitions and thousands are signed up to Facebook groups in support of the schools."

"The reason the Tories don't support the schools is because they want to close them and use the money saved to spend in Tory heartland areas on pet projects."

The Conservatives' proposals would see St Peter's School, Rochester; St John's Infant; and Ridge Meadow, both in Chatham, close.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Teenager arrested after police pursuit

A ROCHESTER motorist has been charged with three driving offences after allegedly speeding away from a squad car.

Simon Hird, 18, was driving a red Vauxhall Nova when he was seen by police in Commercial Road, Strood, at 2.15am on Sunday June 14.

After a pursuit he was stopped and arrested in Gad's Hill.

He has been charged with dangerous driving, driving without a licence and driving without insurance. He was bailed to appear before Medway magistrates on Friday July 3.

Showroom expansion by business park firm

HOME improvement firm REAM is defying the downturn by expanding its Medway showroom.

The company, which specialises in manufacturing, supplying and installing kitchens, bathrooms and bedrooms, has taken over the premises next door to its Gillingham business park showroom.

This will allow the firm to more than double its bathroom displays and extend its kitchen displays.

Managing director Peter Cross said: "We are very positive about the future."

Raise awareness and cancer research cash

VOLUNTEERS are being urged to give up a few hours of their time in support of the Everyman prostate cancer campaign.

Supporters are needed to help raise money for the research charity at the Pentagon centre in Chatham, on Friday and Saturday, July 3 and 4.

Campaigner David Crowhurst from Hempstead said: "My best friend, Stuart, from Gillingham, died aged just 29 from prostate cancer."

"We need to highlight the challenges that men face. About 10,000 men die of prostate cancer each year in the UK." For information about Everyman campaigns, call Jenny Pearce on 0207 153 5435.

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Coal freighter protest launched by activists

CLIMATE campaigners held a 24-hour demonstration on board a freighter bound for Kingsnorth in protest at plans for a new coal-fired power station at Hoo.

Greenpeace activists launched their latest demonstration at 10.50pm on Sunday evening, using speedboats to pull up alongside the vessel.

A ten-strong group attached climbing ladders to the ship and scaled the 15-metre hull.

Six campaigners were arrested soon after but four reached the crew's nest, where they remained for nearly 24 hours. They came down voluntarily after being served with an injunction.

At the time of going to press, all ten remained in police custody.

Activist Sarah Shoraka, speaking just before leaving the coal freighter, said: "We climbed on to this ship and stayed onboard throughout the night and all day, because coal is the most climate-damaging fuel known to man."

"If we keep burning coal, we can't beat climate change. But Energy Minister Ed Miliband's policies would still allow E.ON to build the dirtiest new power station in Britain for 30 years."

Greenpeace said its latest protest was justified as it helped prevent fossil fuels from being burned. A spokesman

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

said: "The Greenpeace members who were on board the ship say that by stopping the coal cargo being burned they were protecting people and property around the world from climate change."

More than 1,000 campaigners are expected in Kingsnorth next weekend as part of a multi-group protest.

Activists will form a human chain around the plant to create the 'Miliband' - named after the energy minister.

Campaigner Joss Cope said: "Mr Miliband has a choice - be a hero or a hypocrite. He can't expect his arguments for a fair and safe global deal at the crucial climate negotiations in Copenhagen to be taken seriously if he's planning to build coal-fired power stations at home."

"We are not going to stop until he makes the right choice."

E.ON spokesman Jonathan Smith said: "If campaigners want to come to Kingsnorth and campaign peacefully we do not have a problem with that. We accept that not everyone shares our views about coal."

"But we do take offence when people try to break in. As long as no-one tries to gain access to the site there is no problem."

The 'Miliband' protest is scheduled to take place on Saturday July 4.



MAKING WAVES: A coal freighter was boarded by Greenpeace activists

Mother's fury at 'malicious' KCC

"INCOMPETENT and a scandalous waste of taxpayers' money" is a Medway mother's verdict on Kent County Council's handling of her dyslexic son's schooling.

Tertius Wharton, 17, has been attending the progressive £5,000-a-term Summerhill School in Suffolk for six years, but KCC has insisted it is not suitable for him and continued to pay out fees totalling £87,000 for a place at a special school near Sevenoaks.

His mum Joy Wharton, from Wouldham, near Rochester, said: "KCC's actions have been irrational, duplicitous, incompetent and on occasions malicious."

"No-one other than KCC disputes the suitability of Summerhill for Tertius and the progress he has made. The waste of taxpayers' money is a scandal."

After a long-running battle, the family took the case to judicial review at London's High Court after securing legal aid. The case was heard last Thursday.

Refusal

The Whartons can no longer afford to pay the fees for Summerhill, where Tertius has been a boarder, and they want KCC to pay for his final year.

But the authority is refusing to pay unless Tertius, who has ADHD and dyslexia and is about to sit his International GCSEs, moves to the New School in West Heath.

Jonathan Shaw, disabilities minister and MP for Chatham and Aylesford, has been supporting the family.

"It is a regrettable waste of public money," he said, "keeping open a place and wasting more than £84,000."

"Summerhill was very satisfactory and the option was considerably cheaper than Sevenoaks, yet KCC refused to back down. I think it was more about winning the argument than what was best for Tertius or the taxpayer."

'Explorers' are risking lives

FROM FRONT PAGE

Sunday evening when it was most likely that there would be no-one on site. With a quick look round the front to check on security, and only seeing a single guard instead of the usual complement of vans and workers, we headed to our access point."

Forum members claim they never destroy property when visiting and never damage fences to get in, instead crawling through already open 'access points'.

But site owners Cemex claim the adventurers are risking their lives.

Spokeswoman Marit Meyer-Bell said: "We are aware of this organisation and we would like to stress unauthorised entry to our working sites is illegal and unsafe, and we appeal to people to respect this and avoid all trespassing."

"At Rochester, we have 24/7 security and we increase security and surveillance as a precaution during school holidays to prevent people from accessing our lagoon for fishing or swimming, which is dangerous."

"We have also fenced off the footpath that crosses the plant. We continue to monitor the situation and are installing more signs to increase awareness of the dangers associated with entering."

Police have advised the urban explorers to keep out of the site.

Complaint over womens arrest at climate camp

TWO mothers have filed an official complaint against Kent Police after being allegedly manhandled by officers at last year's Camp for Climate Action demonstration.

Emily Apple, 33, and Val Swain, 43, say they were bundled to the ground, arrested and held in custody for four days.

Footage of the incident at the Hoo peninsula protest was captured on West Yorkshire Police surveillance cameras.

A clip was handed to the press earlier this week.

The footage shows Mrs Apple and Mrs Swain repeatedly ask officers for their badge numbers - which were not on display - and attempting to take a photograph of another officer who refused to give him number.

Mrs Apple responded to the uncooperative officer's refusal to give his details by asking Mrs Swain to take a photograph of him.

She said: "I'd like to take a picture of this officer so I can make a complaint. It's West Yorkshire Police - no number."

The pair were then thrown to the floor and placed in stress positions.

When told they were being arrested, Mrs Swain asks: "Arrested for what? Taking a photograph?"

Mrs Apple is later shown with her legs bound and being bundled into a police van by officers.

The pair were held for four days and only released once the week-long climate camp demonstration had finished.

Both women claim they were targeted for their involvement in Fit Watch, a pressure group opposed to police forward intelligence teams (Fits) - that film campaigners at demonstrations and meetings.

Their case is being investigated by the Independent Police Complaints Commission.

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Services to heritage are rewarded with MBE

DOCKYARD boss Richard Holdsworth has been made a MBE in the Queen's birthday honours list.

The museum and heritage director received the title for "services to heritage in Kent".

Chatham Historic Dockyard Trust chief executive Bill Ferris said: "Richard's input has been instrumental in turning the site from unused decaying heritage into a thriving community and cultural centre."

Like son, like father, as dad joins the Rotarians

IT'S a case of role reversal in the Simons family – with dad Brian following in his son's footsteps.

David, 28, invited his 53-year-old father to join Medway Rotary Club after enjoying Rotarian life.

The Strood sales manager said: "My dad has introduced me to so many great people, organisations and experiences and it's great to be able to return that in bringing him into the Rotary family."

Girls invited to get their kicks at football club

SPORTY girls are being invited to try out for Meridian Girls FC – one of the largest girls-only clubs in Kent.

The Medway-based club is looking to form a new under-tens team, as well as strengthen their squads up to the under 16 age bracket.

Meridian Girls FC is a FA Charter Standard Development Club. Call club secretary Don Turner on 07961 876045 or email secretary@meridiangirlsfc.co.uk

Bring the family along to fun-packed charity day

A FAMILY fun day will take place in Gillingham next month to raise money for Cancer Research.

Attractions include a treasure hunt, bouncy castle, face-painting and lucky dip.

Medway police, Kent Fire and Rescue Service, and sea cadets will also be on hand.

The event organised by the Karate Leadership Academy, is at the Anchorians Recreational Ground, Watling Street, on Sunday July 12.

£1 million boost for struggling school

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

THE failing Hundred of Hoo School has been given a £1 million cash injection in a bid to improve standards.

The funding announcement comes after a difficult week for the comprehensive school in Main Road, Hoo.

Ofsted inspectors placed the school in special measures after raising concerns about governance and leadership at the school, and pupil achievement.

In 2008, only 26 per cent of pupils attained five or more A* to C grades at GCSE level, including English and maths.

The national average was 46.6 per cent.

The headteacher and board of governors were also ousted, replaced by a temporary governing body made up of experienced education chiefs from across Medway and the Vicar of Hoo St Werburgh Parish Church, the Rev Andy Harding.

Medway Council's children's services boss Les Wicks welcomed the cash injection, issued by the Department for Children, Schools and Families after accepting Hoo as a National Challenge Trust School.

He said: "This confirms that Medway Council took correct and decisive action to replace the governing body at the school."

"The new governors met on the day they



SPECIAL MEASURES: A new leadership team is hoping to put Hundred of Hoo School on the road to recovery

were appointed and took important steps, including a decision to submit an outline case for National Challenge Trust status.

"Although this is still subject to local scrutiny and formal approval, the school should now gain substantial funds to raise standards and attract excellent teachers."

Executive principal Dr Gary Holden, who is also headteacher at the Sir Joseph Williamson Mathematical School, said: "I look forward to working in partnership with the Hundred of Hoo to help the school regain its pride and rep-

utation, to win back the confidence of families in the area and to provide a world class education to the children of north Medway."

Children and adult services director Rose Collinson added: "The Hundred of Hoo School is now under dynamic new leadership."

"Dr Holden has an outstanding record of success and the new governors have a great blend of experience, enthusiasm and commitment. Parents, students and the whole community can have confidence that this school will now be swiftly on the road to recovery."



Demolition date for flyover

WRECKING crews will begin demolishing the Sir John Hawkins Way flyover in three weeks time, regeneration bosses have announced.

Medway Renaissance managers have released a timetable for the controversial works, opposed by thousands of Chatham town centre traders and shoppers.

The flyover will be close to all traffic except buses and taxis on Monday, June 29.

The temporary bus, taxi and cycle route running through Railway Street, past the partially-demolished Theatre Royal, Sun Pier and Medway Street will open the following Monday.

At this point the right turn from Globe Lane

into Medway Street will be banned to all traffic except buses and taxis.

Demolition of the flyover will then start on Saturday, July 11.

Medway Council's regeneration director Robin Cooper said: "This is major, complex infrastructure work and some disruption is unavoidable."

"This work will eventually give Chatham improved traffic flow for years to come."

"The aim is to open up central Chatham and the waterfront for major private sector investment."

A computer-generated image of how the area will look after the regeneration work is completed is pictured left.



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Red-faced blues caught parking in disabled bays

■ BY GARETH DORRIAN

THREE Tory councillors have been criticised after they were caught on camera illegally parking in bays designated for disabled motorists.

Cllrs Rehman Chishti, Alan Jarrett and Tom Mason had their cars photographed after leaving them in clearly marked bays at Medway Council's Gun Wharf complex in Chatham last week.

An opposition councillor took these pictures after noticing scores of free parking spaces available. Yourmedway contacted all three to ask what they thought about parking in off-limit bays.

Adult social care chief Cllr Mason was asked what he thought of people who park in disabled bays. He said: "It's something they shouldn't be doing. It's not very considerate and if the person had a social conscience they wouldn't do it."

But when he was told his Jaguar had been pictured in such a bay, his tone changed.

"We have very, very few parking spaces at Gun Wharf and very few for councillors," he said.

"The offices were closed to the public when I got there and I knew there were no disabled people in the building."

Medway Council deputy leader Cllr Jarrett said: "Our members were attending a late evening meeting when the council offices were closed and the spaces were not in use."

"In the normal course of events we would not park there."

Cllr Chishti, who has campaigned for disabled charities and raised money for various good causes, was unavailable for comment.

Eagle-eyed Labour group leader Cllr Glyn Griffiths, who took the photos, said: "They obviously parked there because they are close to the entrance. It shows a complete disregard for disabled people."

"The Tories are responsible for enforcing parking restrictions on the rest of the community and for looking after the interests of disabled adults."

"If ever there was a case of don't do as we do, do as we say - this is it."

"It's obvious they don't care and that's why I decided to shame them by sending these pictures to Yourmedway."



SNAPPED: Cllr Alan Jarrett and his BMW



WHOOOPS: Cllr Rehman Chishti's car in disabled bay



AT BAY: Cllr Tom Mason and his Jaguar

Jungle Joe swings by to cut the ribbon

SQUEAKY-voiced comedian Joe Pasquale cut the ribbon at the launch of Cerebral Palsy Care's new Rainham charity shop.

The funnyman, crowned King of the Jungle on ITV's I'm A Celebrity show, officially opened the Railway Street branch on Thursday.

As he cut the ribbon, charity patron Mr Pasquale said: "Thanks to everyone for coming along. I think the shop will be a success, it's in a great place with a large catchment area."

"I'll go in and buy something now."

To view this video clip, search 'cerebral'.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Swine flu trio are treated

TWO more cases of swine flu have been confirmed in Medway, making a total of three so far in the towns.

The local NHS trust said the patients, two men and a woman, were being treated with anti-viral medication.

Anyone who has been in close contact with them has been contacted by the Health Protection Agency so they can also be treated with anti-virals.

Dr Alison Barnett, the primary care trust's director of public health, said: "Two of the patients are believed to have caught the infection in this country. The third is believed to have caught it abroad. We would like to reassure the public that symptoms in the vast majority of confirmed cases are mild."

There had been 25 cases of swine flu across Kent and Medway at the time of going to print. For swine flu advice and information, call 0800 1513 513 or visit www.nhs.uk.

Dockyard's heritage bid

CONSULTATION on Chatham's World Heritage bid has begun.

Residents are being urged to have their say on the proposal, which covers Chatham Historic Dockyard and its defences.

Council leader Cllr Rodney Chambers said: "Gaining World Heritage status will help celebrate our area's history and its association with the military and the sea. It will put Medway on the map and boost tourism."

Consultation is open until August 4. Visit www.chathamworldheritage.co.uk or call 01634 441176 for more information.

Radio licence for Sunlight

RADIO Sunlight will soon go on air after Ofcom granted the Gillingham station a FM licence.

The community-led station - airing music, entertainment and arts programmes - will now be able to broadcast across Medway.

Sunlight social enterprises chief executive Peter Holbrook said: "We are delighted with Ofcom's decision to award Sunlight with a licence, creating one of only a few radio stations run as social enterprises."

"Being able to broadcast more widely will be a wonderful way to extend Sunlight's role as a community hub."

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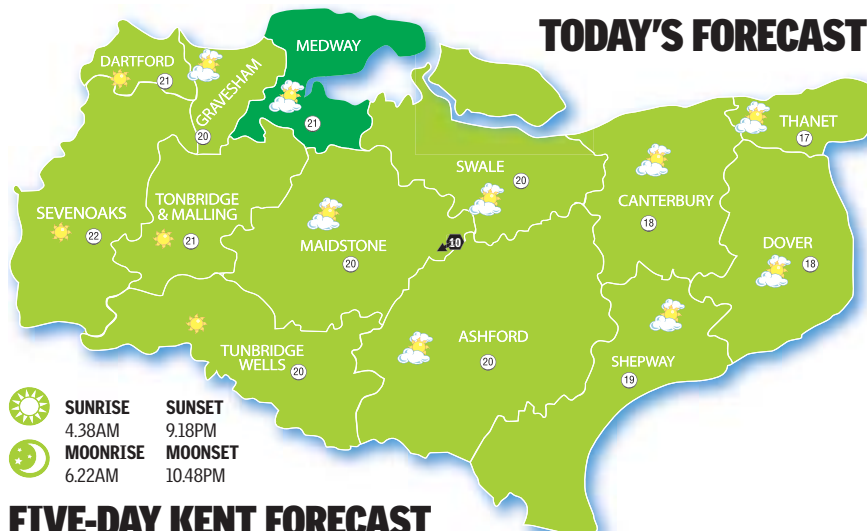
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	Sunday	4:16pm	6.5m
Dungeness	Saturday	3:13pm	7.5m
	Sunday	4:04pm	7.2m
Ramsgate	Saturday	3:59pm	5.1m
	Sunday	4:46pm	4.9m
Sheerness	Saturday	4:51pm	5.7m
	Sunday	5:39pm	5.6m
Whitstable	Saturday	4:54pm	5.3m
	Sunday	5:40pm	5.2m



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Cape Town	14°C	Tenerife	26°C
Cardiff	19°C	Tokyo	25°C
Gibraltar	23°C	Vancouver	18°C
Hong Kong	32°C	Warsaw	14°C
Las Palmas	29°C	Wellington	10°C



HELPING HANDS: Elaine Carlsen receives her award from Jonathan Shaw MP and chairman Alan Street

Let's have a big hand for Elaine's 40 years' service

DEDICATED volunteer Elaine Carlsen had double reason to celebrate at Hands Rochester Volunteer Bureau's annual meeting.

Mrs Carlsen, who has been with Hands since its inception in 1969, joined in the group's 40th anniversary celebrations and also received a long-service award.

Chairman Alan Street said: "As we celebrate the 40th anniversary of the charity, we also pay tribute to a remarkable lady who has served Hands since 1969 as a driver, office volunteer, trustee and probably in many other roles."

"Elaine has worked tirelessly for Hands – congratulations and thank you from everyone, past and present, for your support."

Hands provides a range of services for elderly and less-able residents.

Bureau manager Jane Legg said: "As with every voluntary organisation, volunteers have come and gone over the years, but we are proud to be able to continue providing excellent services to the community."

FIVE-DAY KENT FORECAST

	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon		Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
Ashford	20°C	20°C	21°C	22°C	22°C	Gravesend	22°C	21°C	23°C	23°C	24°C
Canterbury	18°C	18°C	20°C	21°C	22°C	Maidstone	21°C	20°C	22°C	23°C	23°C
Chatham	18°C	17°C	19°C	20°C	20°C	Ramsgate	18°C	18°C	20°C	21°C	22°C
Dartford	22°C	21°C	23°C	23°C	24°C	Rochester	18°C	17°C	19°C	20°C	20°C
Dover	17°C	17°C	19°C	20°C	20°C	Sevenoaks	20°C	19°C	21°C	21°C	22°C
Faversham	18°C	17°C	19°C	20°C	20°C	Sittingbourne	18°C	17°C	19°C	20°C	20°C
Folkestone	17°C	17°C	19°C	20°C	20°C	Tonbridge	21°C	21°C	23°C	23°C	23°C
Gillingham	18°C	17°C	19°C	20°C	20°C	Tun Wells	21°C	21°C	23°C	23°C	23°C

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Q What has been the highlight of your career so far?

A Am I allowed two please? One was hosting The Prince's Trust Concert at Wembley live on BBC One. I got to meet HRH before the concert, and then introduce big stars like Annie Lennox and Take That. I'm still an ambassador for the trust. And landing the job on Heart was pretty exciting and an ambition fulfilled.

Q How did it feel to be the first person voted off of I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here in 2006?

A To be honest I was starting to lose the plot after two weeks of no food, boredom and David Gest's snoring! I'd had enough. Then I got to stay longer than anyone else in the very swish Versace Hotel, so I couldn't complain!

Q What are you aiming to achieve with your Heart 103.1 & 102.8 show?

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Q What time do you get to the studio each day and how much preparation goes into a typical show?

A I rock up at the Heart studios at around 8am, grab a bowl of porridge, have a cup of tea, browse through the papers and chat through stuff with my producer. Whether it's

what time we're giving away tickets, who's going to be on Emma Bunton's Saturday show or what new tunes we're going to be playing.

Q You're an ambassador for the Princes Trust, what is the most inspirational story you have encountered?

A Last year I met an amazing young woman who'd overcome a harsh childhood. She'd gone on to set up her own business. She had a wonderful manner about her despite what she'd gone through as a kid.

Q Are you a regular visitor to Kent and if so where do you like to go?

A One of my favourite places is Canterbury. I love the old town with its quaint alleys, shops and cafés. I also have fond memories of Tunbridge Wells from when I did panto there in 2000. It's a great place and the people were very welcoming.

Q What kind of music do you listen to and are you tipping any new acts to make an impact this year?

A Right now, I'm loving everything from Daniel Merriweather, Lily Allen and Dizzy Rascal to some good old-school stuff from the likes of Madonna and Luther Vandross.

Q What has been the strangest thing you have ever done in the name of entertainment?

A Taken part in The All Star Talent Show on Channel Five. I tried to get through a

dance routine on live TV, thought I'd made a proper bodge of it, but then won the show.

Q What did you want to do when you were growing up?

A I really wanted to be a pilot in the Royal Navy flying fighter jets. But being short-sighted put an end to that. Then all I wanted was to be a radio DJ. I started on hospital radio when I was 14, and went from there.

Q You worked as a children's BBC presenter, but with the number of channels on air now, do you think children's TV presenters will ever be as famous as they once were?

A It will never be quite the same as it was. When we did it, the big thing was being on for a few minutes on BBC One every afternoon just before Neighbours, when you had ten million people seeing you every day. It's not even a quarter of that now.

Q Who is the most famous person on your mobile phone's contact list?

A I don't really have many. Myleene Klass, Jason Donovan...

Q Who is your hero?

A Tony Blackburn.

• **Toby started his daily show on Heart 103.1 and 102.8 at 10am on Monday.**

Q&A

Heart presenter Toby Anstis spoke to **Gareth Arnold** about his plans for his show, his time in the broom cupboard and the inspirational people he has met during his role as an ambassador for the Prince's Trust

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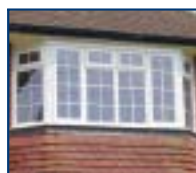
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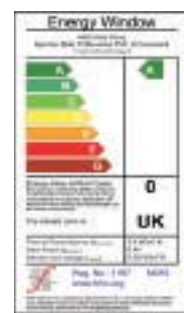
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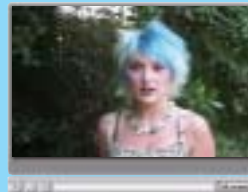
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Censored list 'proves MPs just don't get it'

■ BY GARETH DORRIAN

A COMPLETE overhaul of the MP expenses system and greater honesty is needed if the public is to trust politicians again, a leading pressure group has claimed.

A heavily censored list of all MPs' expenses was published on the parliamentary website on Thursday.

Huge amounts of information, including details of what some of the cash was spent on, addresses of second homes and names of staff, have been blacked out.

Government sources say this is to protect sensitive information and ensure confidentiality for people not connected to politics. But campaigners argue this secrecy conceals practices such as 'flipping' of second homes. They argue the latest cover-up will only add to the mistrust felt by voters towards their representatives.

Amid thousands of pages of receipts for office supplies, hotel, phone and utility bills and claims for everyday items which can rightly be claimed under the allowance scheme, several Kent MPs can be said to have submitted a lot of odd claims.

Sittingbourne and Sheppey's Derek Wyatt made headlines last month when it was revealed he had claimed 75 pence for a Scotch egg.

His expenses for 2004-2008 also include a claim, just before Christmas 2005, for an eclectic assortment of books bought from Amazon.

These were a travel guide to Warsaw, The Rough Guide to Slovenia and a hardback edition of Diana, Princess of Wales – totalling £39.

Former Tory leader Michael Howard's £17,000 spending on gardening was reported



LISTED: Michael Howard (left) had £17,000 gardening expenses and Tory colleague Julian Brazier claimed for fruity tea

at the start of the month. Between 2004 and 2008 the Folkestone and Hythe MP hired The Turned Worm Gardening Company in Hythe and another gardener to work on his property.

Mr Howard denied any wrongdoing, insisting this was for general maintenance and gardening.

His claims also show one for a king-size luxury mattress, costing £569, in March 2004.

The biggest revelation to come from Canterbury MP Julian Brazier's 'blacked-out' expense claims is his taste for fruity tea.

One claim made in January last year asks to be reimbursed for two packets of Waitrose China Green Lemon, priced at £2.10 each.

Maidstone and the Weald's Ann Widdecombe made expenses claims as strait-laced as you might expect from one of the Commons' most respected operators.

The same goes for Thanet North Tory Roger Gale and his Thanet South Labour counterpart Dr Steve Ladyman.

Ashford's Damien Green and Faversham and



Mid-Kent's Hugh Robertson are equally frugal with their claims.

Taxpayers Alliance campaigner Mark Wallace thinks the obscured published expenses have proven Parliament "just doesn't get it".

He said: "We are very angry, to say the least. We know that second-home addresses are crucial to exposing the practice of flipping, yet these have been blacked out. We also know that finding out names of people who work for MPs will tell us everything we need to know about nepotism, if there's any going on."

Mr Wallace said his group had nothing against MPs claiming expenses to pay for accommodation and work away from home, as it is part of the job.

"We think this whole scandal has meant the end of the idea of allowance for our MPs, as it used to be", he said. "We even think that accommodation, owned by the Government, should be used for MPs working away from home."

Visit www.parliament.uk to see the list.

Drug warning is on the wall for clubbers

AN ANTI-drugs campaign using giant illuminated warnings has won the backing of a mother whose daughter died after snorting contaminated cocaine.

Haniska Pett, 20, of Gravesend, died in October last year after a night out with friends which saw her take a mixed dose of the class A drug.

Grieving mother Angela Pett says a Kent Police drive to keep young people off drugs – which includes powerful messages being beamed on to walls of pubs and clubs throughout the county, is the perfect antidote to drug abuse.

She said: "Haniska's death has left a huge gaping hole in all our lives. I am sure she had no idea that the cocaine she was taking was mixed with another drug that would cause her death."

"Beaming these messages in public places will reach those who need it most and help save lives."

Superintendent Neil Jerome, from Kent Police, said: "People waiting in queues will see the projector which shows warnings about the dangers of illegal drugs and gives advice on where to get help and support."

"The projectors offer us much more scope for interacting with local communities. People walking through a town centre at night will see the messages during their night out."

"It is more effective than handing out leaflets which many people socialising in the evening do not want to carry around."

The projectors and 30ft messages were used in Maidstone last week, when they were beamed on to the side of Maidstone Crown Court buildings as part of National Tackling Drugs Week.



DEAD: Haniska Pett was just 20 when she took a lethal dose

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You'd be a fool to miss this gooseberry treat

Celebrity chef Richard Phillips brings us the latest in his series of articles backing our local food campaign

With the longest day upon us and thoughts turning to summer holidays and whether we will enjoy long, lazy days basking in the sun or watch endless rain falling from the sky, I thought it would be a good idea to have some recipes using traditional staple foods.

As the months pass from spring into summer and the basket from www.foodforkent.co.uk changes, it's great to see the impact of the changing seasons on the contents.

We can also see the diversity of what Kent has to offer and reflect on how it is easy to forget some of the joys which can come from foods that we often overlook or take for granted.

Right now we are getting some fabulous Dover sole and this can make a tasty meal when accompanied with fresh broad beans, peas and thinly sliced pancetta to bring out the subtle flavours of the fish.

Pancetta is simply pork belly which has been salt cured and dried for about three months and spiced with a variety of flavours such as garlic, fennel, and nutmeg and dried ground hot peppers. It works ever so well with the fish and any pasta or casserole dish. If you don't like Dover sole you can substitute



any flatfish such as plaice, lemon sole or John Dory. Last month we had strawberries in our basket and another unique-tasting British fruit is available in this month's: the gooseberry. Gooseberries make a fantastic summer dessert and can be the ideal complement to those warm summer evenings watching the sun go down.

The recipe is another classic, a gooseberry fool. The important thing to remember for this dish is to use nicely ripened

gooseberries, but if you can't get hold of them fresh then frozen will suffice. Both recipes are simple to make and will awaken your taste buds to a mixture of subtle and nostalgic flavours.

The great thing about cooking for me, whether it is at one of my restaurants at Chapel Down, the Hengist, Thackeray's or even home, is ensuring I use everyday locally grown products where possible.

I am often amazed that customers are surprised by the delicacy and range of flavours; and yes, part of the reason for that success is in the preparation and use of complementary ingredients, but the freshness and quality of the produce is a huge factor. Many people want to know how to recreate the dishes we serve and hopefully by providing these recipes it is a simple way to give you a chance to do this.

But for those of you who have been bitten by the cooking bug and want to know more, I run a couple of cookery schools.

These are great opportunities to show you how you can create stunning tasty meals for special occasions, as well as offering fantastic tips which you can use every day in your kitchen.

You can find out more information about the cookery schools and how to get involved by logging onto my website at www.richardphillipschapeldown.co.uk and clicking on the private cookery class button.

Hopefully many of you are now getting your fresh delivery from the guys at www.foodforkent.co.uk and some of you have even tried the recipes I have been writing about here.

I'd love to hear from you telling me about your cooking successes or failures, so please feel free to email me at richard.phillips@kosmedia.co.uk.

Also, if you have any food or cooking related questions and I'll definitely get back to you.

Richard Phillips

Pan fried fillets of Dover sole served with braised peas and pancetta

Serves 4
2 x med sized Dover sole, filleted x 4 pieces and skinned
400g fresh peas
200g fresh broad beans
Thinly sliced pancetta (cooked until crisp)
Pea cress to garnish
For the sauce
1 x banana shallot, finely chopped
150ml dry white wine
100g pancetta cut into lardons (small, chunky cubes)
Good pinch of chopped chervil (to finish)
25ml white wine vinegar
100ml double cream
Half a lemon



In a small sauté pan, warm up a little olive oil, add the diced shallot and cook with a little colour until tender.

Add the pancetta and cook until crisp and a golden brown colour is achieved, deglaze with the white wine and vinegar, and reduce by about two thirds.

Add the peas and broad beans, cook for 1-2 minutes, add the stock and cook for a further 5mins, then add the double cream and continue cooking until a sauce consistency is achieved (2-3mins), season. Add a squeeze of lemon juice and then add the chopped chervil.

Place the lightly floured sole fillets into a pre-heated non-stick pan, colour slightly then add a knob of butter and cook on both sides for 2-3mins until golden brown.

To serve place the peas in the centre of a bowl with the fish on top, spoon over the sauce and garnish with pea cress leaves and crisp pancetta.

Gooseberry fool

Serves 6
200g fresh gooseberries
150g caster sugar
200ml double cream

Gently cook the gooseberries with 50g of the sugar, taking care that they do not go mushy. Set aside a little of the cooking juices. Whip the cream together with the remaining sugar

Divide the gooseberries between six glasses, spoon over the cream and drizzle with the reserved cooled cooking juices.



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Soldiers put cadets' skills to the test

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

SERVING soldiers put Gad's Hill cadets through their paces during the Higham school's annual Combined Cadet Force challenge day.

Eight soldiers from the 5th Battalion Royal Regiment of Scotland took the time to test the 120 cadets.

The soldiers, all of whom had recently returned from a tour in Afghanistan and will be going back to the front line next year, put the youngsters through a series of tasks, designed to test the cadets' leadership and team working skills.

The cadets were also tested on a first aid scenario, where they had to assess a casualty, and work in pairs during a sniper/spotter challenge, firing at targets hidden within a wooded area.

The highlight of the day was an interesting stand set up by 5th Scots introducing the cadets to some of the weapons used on their recent tour of Afghanistan.

Captain Nick Hill, Gad's Hill's new Contingent Commander, who himself has just returned from Afghanistan, said: "Our cadets were hugely enthusiastic about the challenge day, and it was the perfect opportunity for them to test the skills they have learnt during their time in the CCF."

"I am grateful to my regiment for visiting



VIEW FINDER: Cadets with soldiers of the 5th Battalion Royal Regiment of Scotland, and above right, they get a closer look at a sniper rifle

us on the day, as you can imagine our students were extremely excited to meet them and question them not only on the weapons but also their experiences in Afghanistan."

The CCF at Gad's Hill School has been running for three years.

Its central aims are to build confidence, leadership and team skills, as well as giving cadets the chance to take part in activities that challenge and provide a sense of adventure.

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Ch Supt Steve Corbishley also spoke to the youngsters about his role and how everyone can play a role in making Medway a safer place in which to live.

PCSO Rowan Cornwall said: "We were only too happy to be teach the children about personal responsibility."



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Is getting back to local food a taste of things to come?

LOCAL produce is all the rage these days with everyone saying buying food and drink made in your area helps the local economy, makes farmers' lives better and keeps the corner shop open.

Kent has a lot going for it in this way – excellent local beer and wine, succulent Romney Marsh lamb, delicious Whistable oysters, fresh fish from the Channel and cabbages from Thanet.

Then there's always Faversham cherries, Biddenden cider and Dover turkeys.

But recently we've been told it's not enough to just like your local food. A new survey claims it's embedded in our DNA and varies according to where in the country you're from.

And apparently choices are often determined by the part of the tongue that picks up preferred tastes.

The survey was carried out for the Costa Coffee shop chain by food psychologist Greg Tucker, who said: "Taste dialect would be a good way to describe it".

For example, people living in the North East like food tasted on the tip of the tongue, such as that well-known Hull delicacy chips and bits – scrapings of overcooked fish batter.

And we're told the reason for this is because the region has a history of hungry industrial workers demanding instant sustenance.

On the opposite coast they relish "comforting" sweet flavours like hotpot and Vimto pop.

Actually, I think that might be true. I have relatives in Manchester and they both enjoy those tastes – along with Dandelion and Burdock, whatever that is.

Scots like rich, creamy tastes that impact on the back of the tongue, such as ice cream and porridge – not to mention Irn-Bru and deep-fried Mars Bars.

Midlanders enjoy curry, as this also hits taste buds at the front of the mouth. Those in the

South West like sweet fruit, such as apples, which are long associated with the area.

London and the South East have lost their palate due to a huge ethnic mix. But spicy "foreign" foods have become a favourite.

But maybe because there is probably a better choice of restaurants around, people in the last two areas have a wider choice.

But coming back to regional produce – it does say something that most of the favourite dishes from around Britain are of the stodgy variety.

So let's use the opportunity to praise what we have here – grown on farms and produced by livestock farmers around the county.

All the food I talked about in the opening of this blog is simple, home-made and healthy.

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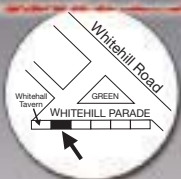
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- B. Never Forget
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TALK TIME

JACQUI BARHAM

Kent's top Ann Summers party organiser talks about how the company has benefited from the credit-crunch and what perks come with the job.



Can you tell us a bit about yourself?

I'm 45 years old and live on the Isle of Sheppey. I have been an Ann Summers Unit Organiser for the past 13 years. I hold parties and recruit new team members for the whole of Kent.

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How has the credit crunch affected Ann Summers?

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YOUR LETTERS

Our pupils paying for council's error

I am the mother of a pupil at Ridge Meadow School in Chatham. I am shocked at the proposed closure of the school due to "surplus" places. The lack of correct figures and the justifications provided are a cover for Medway Council's mistakes. The council says there aren't enough pupils to make Ridge Meadow viable. However, Wayfield School's surplus is half. It is opposite a crime-ridden area – no wonder it is half empty. Police statistics show Wayfield and Luton ward has more than double the crime committed in Prince's Park ward.

The council ploughed £1 million into Wayfield and it has not brought any improvements. The proposal to close Ridge Meadow – which has achieved more, is successful and has more pupils – is to cover up the council's failure at Wayfield, whose pupils would do better at Ridge Meadow. Perhaps they could use Wayfield as a health centre, so children are not uprooted to a less successful school and to offer health services where clearly needed.

Name and address provided, by email.

Green space threat must be defeated

I am outraged by the re-emergence of plans to build homes in



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fight to ensure the green space remains untouched.

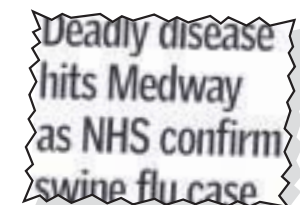
It angers me that developers think they can go against the wishes of the people. When will they get the message that they cannot ride roughshod over pub-

lic opinion? Medway is undergoing a multi-million-pound regeneration which will provide thousands of homes, so why do we need to build yet more homes on picturesque greenfield sites?

I urge all residents to support the fight to have these plans binned once and for all. We all need to do our bit to save Capstone Valley.

Rachel Jennings, Rainham, by email.

I hope health plans are robust enough



It was only a matter of time before swine flu reached Medway. I hope the "robust plans" the NHS in Medway has put in place are adequate to deal with any outbreak.

I am less than confident. I have suffered at the hands of Medway Maritime Hospital and am sure I am not the only one. The trust needs to fully prepare for swine flu now. It's no use making all the right noises unless they are backed up by action. I would urge the powers that be to take swine flu seriously and put measures in place to deal with it. We have already had three cases in Medway. Will the NHS be able to cope with a mass outbreak? It would be comforting to know precisely what these "robust plans" are.

Mr J Smith, Chatham, by email.

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New 'talent' is a sign of lowered standards

The decision of the BBC to get rid of Geoff Clark and Beverly Thompson is yet another blatant example of the Corporation's dumbing down.

Why is it that intelligent and articulate presenters are removed, while the mumbling drivel of the so-called yooof-orientated "on screen talent" are retained?

The BBC's obsession with getting a younger audience is nothing short of a disgrace.

Why get rid of people who actually do know what they are doing?

Mike Harris,
by email.



Someone else was bound to be better

Why does it have to be down to ageism? Is it not ageist that the photograph used of Geoff for this article was obviously not taken very

recently? Or is that for sympathy? People are far too quick to call for ageism, can it not be coincidence that the people better for the job may indeed be younger than Geoff and Bev?

Sharon, from Rainham,
comment posted on web story.

They were dropped for being useless

Could it be they were axed because they were utterly useless and almost as bad as Meridian's simpering idiots?

M Debens, from Maidstone,
comment posted on web story.

Eat strawberries and help to raise money

As we get into the swing of summer, I am writing to ask your readers to make the most of it by holding a Strawberry Tea for Breast Cancer Care.

It's the perfect excuse to get together with friends, family or colleagues and serve up strawberry goodies to support the 46,000 people who are diagnosed with breast cancer every year in the UK.

Every penny raised from a Strawberry Tea will enable Breast Cancer Care to continue providing free support and information to people who have been affected by breast cancer. I know how vital this



is, as I lost my daughter Caron to breast cancer when she was just 34.

Amid all the difficult emotions, there's a real feeling of helplessness when you face such devastating news. But knowing there is somewhere to turn is a huge comfort, not only for the person facing the diagnosis but for their loved ones too.

So when Breast Cancer Care asked me to support Strawberry Tea this summer, I thought it was such an excellent and easy thing to do for such a wonderful cause.

I can't wait to hold my own at home and I hope as many people as possible will join in too.

To get involved in a Strawberry Tea visit www.breastcancercare.org.uk/strawberry, or call 0870 1649422 and request a Strawberry Tea fundraising pack full of ideas, tips and strawberry recipes to ensure you have a brilliant Strawberry Tea.

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Gloria Hunniford,
TV presenter from Sevenoaks, by email.

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FAIRIES, magic and star-crossed lovers abound at Leeds Castle with the return of Shakespeare's Globe.

The company's brand new production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* will be visiting the beautiful open-air setting next week, continuing the Globe's revived tradition of taking Shakespeare's plays to outdoor venues.

Led by artistic director Dominic Dromgoole, the company now plays in repertory from April to October every year and its productions have rapidly built up an international reputation for excellence.

"The Globe was born out of a touring company culture and that culture remained vital to it while it flourished," Dromgoole said. "We are delighted to be exploring again the

tradition of taking Shakespeare into non-theatrical spaces."

The company's 2007 production of *Romeo & Juliet* was a return to outdoor touring for the Globe after a lapse of nearly 400 years. Shakespeare's original London theatre was closed down by the Puritans in 1642 and demolished two years later. When American actor and director Sam Wanamaker first visited London in 1949, he was disappointed at the lack of a lasting tribute to Shakespeare's legacy. He founded the Shakespeare Globe Trust in 1970 and when the site of the original foundations was discovered at Bankside in the 80s, he was instrumental in bringing about the rebuilding of the theatre.

Foundation work began in 1987 and the construction of the theatre itself commenced in 1993. Sadly Wanamaker, father of actress Zoë, would never see his vision brought to

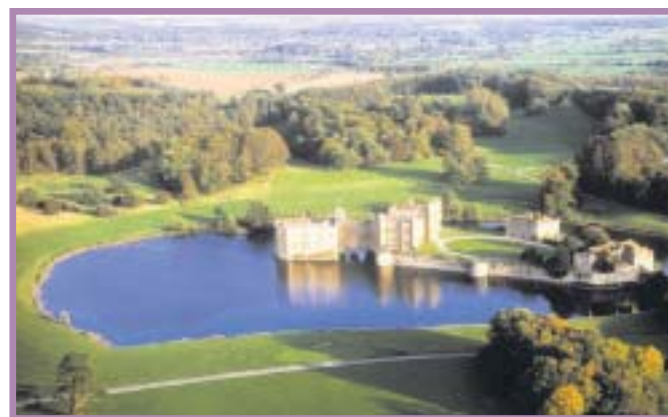
life – he died of cancer later that year. Shakespeare's Globe opened its doors to the public in 1997, welcoming people into the open-air theatre for the first time in more than 350 years.

It now takes touring productions to audiences around the country and this year's show, directed by Raz Shaw, should be a magical experience in a stunning outdoor setting. Shakespeare's captivating comedy remains a huge favourite with audiences for its sparkling wit, unrequited love and fantasy.

Set in the forests of Athens, the play follows the amusing antics of four young people who find themselves at the mercy of a mischievous fairy. Hermia loves Lysander, but is due to marry Demetrius against her will. When the Duke of Athens orders that the marriage goes ahead, the couple elope and are pursued into the forests by the rejected Demetrius. In turn, he is followed by his devoted admirer Helena, who cannot give up her unrequited love for him.

The quartet stumbles into the midst of the fairy court, at a time when there is unrest between the King and Queen. When a strong love potion and a group of bumbling actors are introduced into the mix, it is a recipe for misunderstandings, unexplained crushes and chaos.

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Friday, June 26
Central Theatre, Chatham

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From the sounds of wartime Britain to the Falklands conflict and beyond, the show will be a real trip down Memory Lane. The star attractions will be comedian Cricket, who keeps the laughter flowing with his much-loved act,



and popular singer/actor Conrad who has been entertaining audiences since the 1960s.

There will be a multitude of voices on stage when comedy impressionist Mark Baylin performs, while the audience will be astounded by multi-instrumentalist Rachel King. A ventriloquist,

dancers, The Dave Carter Sound and a Medway favourite, Julia Burnett, are also on the bill.

The show starts at 3pm. Tickets cost £10 or £5 for veteran badge holders. To book call the box office on 01634 338338 or visit the website at www.medway.gov.uk/theatrebooking.

JIMMY JONES

Thursday, June 25
Orchard Theatre, Dartford

CELEBRITY favourite Jimmy Jones has been splitting sides for four decades with his risqué humour.

The hugely successful comedian is known for his hard-hitting, adult material which has earned him a loyal following. He plays about 285 sell-out shows every year and has been named as a favourite comic by the likes of American actor Tom Sellick, the late Dudley Moore and rock bands Status Quo, the Rolling Stones and Iron Maiden.

He was also praised by Benny Hill and is believed to have been a big influence on the comedy of Jim Davidson. At one time, two of his comedy videos appeared in the Top 10 chart simultaneously, while Jones has amassed something of a cult following abroad, particularly in America, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

For this show, The Guvnor's Last Stand, Jones takes a slightly different approach and will be telling stories about his life in show business.

The show, which is suitable for adults only, starts at 8pm and tickets cost £15. Book online at www.orchardtheatre.co.uk or call the box office on 01322 220000.



WAR FILMS

Wednesday, June 24 and
Thursday, June 25
Central Theatre, Chatham

SOME of Britain's greatest war films can be seen on the silver screen in Chatham this week.

At 3pm on Wednesday, Richard Attenborough and Celia Johnson star in the classic 1942 movie In Which We Serve, co-directed by David Lean and writer Noel Coward. The story of HMS destroyer HMS Torrin is told by the survivors as they cling to a life raft following a disaster.

David Niven stars as a British aviator who escapes death but must argue for his life in front of a celestial court in Wednesday evening's film, the 1946 romantic fantasy A Matter of Life and Death.

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Carve Her Name With Pride, to be shown at 3pm on Thursday. The story of Britain's finest hour is told by a star-studded cast, including Michael Caine, Christopher Plummer, Ralph Richardson, Laurence Olivier and Michael

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The Barge is busting with great Antfest acts

GET a sneak preview of this year's Antfest when a wide variety of bands take to the stage this weekend.

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Talented young dancers should make a wish

TALENTED young dancers are invited to join George Takei in Aladdin at the Central Theatre this Christmas.

Girls who will be aged between eight and 15 on September 1 can audition for a part in the Chatham theatre's pantomime on Sunday, July 5. Registration starts at 1.30pm at the front entrance and auditions start at 2pm. For more details see www.evolution-productions.co.uk.

Exhibition explores creativity of paper

THE ways in which artists and designer-makers use paper in their work is explored in the exhibition Pulp Fictions.

Rochester Art Gallery and Craft Case has moved to the ground floor of Medway Visitor Information Centre in Rochester High Street. The exhibition runs until August 30 and admission is free. The gallery is open 10am to 5pm, Monday to Saturday, and 10.30am to 5pm on Sunday.

Evan Parker and trio will Command a jazz night

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All dishes are prepared individually and Tandoori is a speciality.

The restaurant can cater for families with high chairs available on request, and birthdays, office and Christmas parties, and stag and hen does, are also catered for.



At weekends the restaurant can get busy so recommendations are advised.

Tuesday is banquet night, when customers can choose any items on the menu for a set price.

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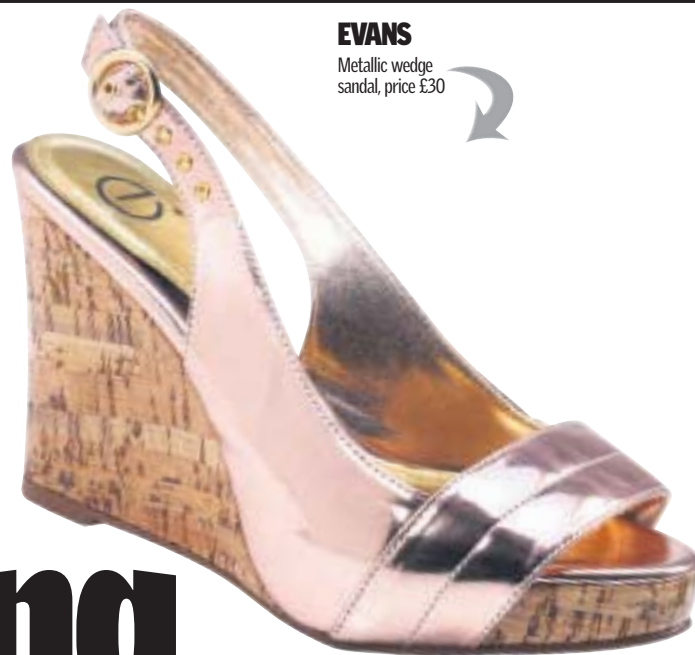
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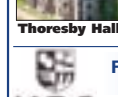
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Cantona blows his own trumpet on big screen

■ BY KATE WHITING

SEAGULL-related philosophical musings, formidable footballing talent and a dramatic approach to the beautiful game.

The characteristics could only apply to one man: Eric Cantona.

Now the subject of the Ken Loach-directed film *Looking For Eric*, it won't surprise fans to learn that the idea came originally from the larger-than-life Frenchman himself.

In it, Cantona appears in front of depressed United fan Eric Bishop (Steve Evets) and counsels him in his time of need.

Back in France, the 43-year-old has been appearing on the silver screen for more than a decade, but in Britain we're more likely to remember him for that kung fu-style kick at a Crystal Palace fan back in 1995.

Following the incident the footballer compared journalists to "seagulls" following his "trawler" hoping for "sardines" – a statement which revealed the depths of his philosophical mind, and perhaps a slightly unhinged personality.

Cantona spent his ensuing nine-month ban out of trouble and learned to play the trumpet.

"When I was banned for nine months, I needed to focus on something else," he says, in a heavy French accent, when we meet at an elegant London hotel.

"I admire lots Miles Davis and Chet Baker, and I like the sentiment [of the trumpet], so I tried, I learned, I practised for a few months and I stopped after."

During a meeting with *Looking For Eric* writer Paul Laverty, Cantona's secret talent was revealed, laying the groundwork for a surreal scene on the balcony of an inner-city



CHIC: Eric Cantona exudes confidence and charisma

block of flats in which Cantona plays the Marseillaise.

The film would probably never have come about but for Cantona and his brothers, who approached Loach with the idea.

"We wrote two pages of a story and wanted to make some kind of movie," says Cantona, exuding confidence and looking effortlessly chic in a grey shirt, with sunglasses dangling from his neck.

"Ken Loach was the first name we thought of, but it was a dream. We met Ken and Paul

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and they read the two pages and said 'Yes, from that we can do something'."

Loach admits he initially thought Cantona's request to meet him was "a joke" but says he would have swum the Channel to meet Eric.

Cantona first appears to distraught postman Eric Bishop in his bedroom. Eric is in pieces after a car accident caused by the thought of meeting the love of his life – his ex-wife Lily – whom he walked out on years earlier.

While the film plays in part like a homage to his career at United, Cantona is adamant that it will appeal to all fans – and even non-fans.

"It's not only a film about the relationship between fans and their idol, it's also a love story, a story of a depressed man who has a difficult relationship with his stepchildren."

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YOUR TV REVIEW

■ BY TOM BETTS

-  **RIVER COTTAGE: SUMMER'S HERE**
BBC1, 9pm, Wednesday
-  **QUESTION TIME**
BBC One, 10.35pm, Thursday

CURLY-haired gardener turned cook Hugh Fearnly-Whitsting is back on our screens for another trip down the road of all things self-sufficient and rustic, with his latest programme, *River Cottage Summer's Here*.

I've long since lost count of how many *River Cottage* series there have been, but it's a lot, a helluva lot, and is on its way to becoming something of a British institution.

It's an enviable life he leads, old Hugh.

What some of us wouldn't give for a lifestyle like his, potting about the West Country in his Land Rover, with little more on his mind than organising a hog roast for his village neighbours, where his next batch of pumpkin soup is coming from, or taking part in a fishing competition to see if he can cook what he can catch – even if it is a pike caught from a murky, muddy river.

In the hands of anyone else this would come across as patronising and a bit sanctimonious, but Hugh has a geeky enthusiasm that never gets too irritating.

There's always a sense of adventure here too, as he knocks up long forgotten recipes and experiments with food and produce many would balk at.

Cooking slugs two weeks ago was maybe a bridge too far, but he may have a point.

We keep being told that the world will soon be in the midst of a food crisis, with barely enough to go round.

Perhaps it is time to try that earwig au gratin after all.



BACK TO BASICS: Hugh Fearnly-Whitsting is back with his popular *River Cottage* series

Special mention must go to *Question Time* at the moment.

It's been in rip-snorting form, helping to further lance the reputations of MPs up and down the land.

Margaret Becket found it hard to talk the other week due to the booing she received at the hands of a rabid, angry public who made up the audience.

At the height of the story one show was even brought forward to a prime-time slot to capitalise on the drubbing the panel were set to receive.

It was all rather joyous.

In these times of troubled politics the show is turning out to be ruddy good fun, proving that every cloud really does have a silver lining.

Just don't tell our elected ones, they may well try and claim it back on their expenses.

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

HOME is where the heart is. Spend this week tackling those odd jobs you've been meaning to get done and dusted. If you've been thinking of introducing a special friend to the family, this is the time to do so. Everyone will get along swimmingly. A new job may force you to cancel plans.

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TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

YOU attract admirers like bees to honey. A romance is a possibility. Don't worry what people will say about this; it makes perfect sense to the both of you. It may be wise to keep your distance from somebody who is always on a superiority trip. They will just spoil your fun.

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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

YOUR star is rising on the career front. Don't be surprised if you're rewarded for a job well done. If you're looking for work, you could find it with a company selling luxury goods. You may worry you're not qualified for this position, but don't let others see how you feel.

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SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

LEAN on your best friend, lover, or fellow worker when uncertainty sets in. Their encouraging words will help you across the finish line. If you're single, you could meet someone special via an older friend. Going on a date with a group of people will be fun.

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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

POSITIVE feedback on your creative work is music to your ears. Signing a business contract will pay off handsomely. If you're not pleased with the terms you are initially offered, negotiate for a better deal. You could charm the birds from the trees this week.

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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

HAVING a crush on someone gives life a welcome splash of spice, but keep your feelings to yourself for a while. You'll have a welcome opportunity to go public in another few weeks. If you want to buy your own place, now is the time to take the plunge.

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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

A CHANCE to travel could come your way. Take advantage of discounted plane fares and hotel rates. You're very attractive to foreigners right now and may find the love of your life on an overseas trip. When choosing your destination, opt for a country famous for its natural beauty.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

A GREAT job offer could be coming your way, opening the door to new career possibilities. The chance to get paid for doing something you love is exhilarating. It may be necessary to act as an apprentice to an older, experienced colleague. Be sure to give them the respect they deserve.

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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)

YOU could get a fabulous gift from someone special. Be sure to write a thank you note. A stable job is yours for the asking. The good part about this position is that involves a great deal of creativity. The tough part is that it may take you away from home a little bit more than you had expected.

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CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

FRIENDS will give you encouragement and support for a creative project. It's nice to know you have a support team if things go wrong. A letter you've been waiting for finally arrives, and the news is good. This could be your big chance to get additional job training.

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LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

YOUR love life sizzles with excitement. Taking a casual romance a step further will be great fun. A lover's laid back approach to lovemaking leaves you breathless with desire. If you suffer from personal hang ups, now is the time to break through to the other side.

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CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

THE clouds are finally parting, giving you a welcome opportunity to have fun. This is a lovely time to take a trip, embark on a romance, or launch a creative project. If you've been thinking of starting a family or settling down with someone special, get to work now.

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CRYPTIC CLUES

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4 Not generous moment during intervening period (8)
8 Exercise done after slimming? (4-10)
10 Swan in the orchestra? (9)
11 Donkey goes round by chasm (5)
12 Some more efficient knot (4)
13 Gum Irene smeared over cake (8)
17 Lout wary about illegality (8)
18 Company completed masterstroke (4)
22 Brought down to earth (5)
24 Being sixteen puzzled engineers (9)
25 Number One storyteller (14)
26 Bathes in another alcoholic drink! (8)
27 Some embargo to be put on slang (5)

DOWN

- 1 Spider can be found in dictionary (7)
2 Oven vault cooking pastry-case (3-2-4)
3 Resort? Reprint (6)
4 May, before end of day, become very impressive (6)
5 Power of a lawyer? (8)
6 Tania included clown stopping short in the country (8)
7 Notes perhaps, one is in my possession (5)
9 Lady from Ellesmere (4)
14 Sufficient reason for putting greedy person next to animal (9)
15 Cooking at indoor extravaganza (8)
16 It is given as incentive to buy lavish present (4,4)
17 All right having mostly raw vegetable (4)
19 Buffoon causes jetty to collapse? (7)
20 It is used in advertising bells at Christmas (6)
21 A dish's upturned layers (6)
23 Fat and clumsy young pigeon (5)

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4 Purity (8)
8 News (7,7)
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11 Quito (anag.) (5)
12 IOW resort (4)
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17 Vehicle frame (8)
18 Chilled (4)
22 Cross-line to finish a letter (5)
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25 Former European country (14)
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27 Enormous (5)

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- 1 Sailor (4,3)
2 Bleached (9)
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4 Rustic (anag.) (6)
5 Fundamental relationship (8)
6 Restful (8)
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Now it's up to LOTF ticketholders to whittle that number down to ten.

LOTF's Matt Gough said the competition had been a huge success.

He said: "We're pretty confident that the Farmer's Fifty will feature the most popular and deserving Kentish bands on the circuit."

"Emails will be sent to all ticketholders for Lounge on the Farm 2009 this week, with

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

them holding the key to selecting ten of the final Farmer's Fifty bands."

The semi-finalists include Billy Wears Dresses, Needs Must, Neon Skies, The Deccas, Salvador Charlie and The Razz.

We don't have enough room to print the full 50 hopefuls, but listed right is every third band from the alphabetically-arranged list.

They all hope to securing a place on the Merton Farm three-day bill, alongside the likes of Edwyn Collins, The Horrors, Mr Scruff, Billy Childish and The Musicians of the British Empire, and Dub Pistols.

Lounge runs from Friday to Sunday, July 10-12. Go to www.loungeonthefarm.co.uk.



HOPEFUL: The Deccas are among the bands vying for a slot at Lounge on the Farm

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Lakeside getaway

■ BY CHRIS BRITCHER

WHEN considering where to go in France, the Jura is one of those regions it would be easy to overlook.

It's not up there with Brittany, the Dordogne or the Loire. When you mention you're off there, there's a quizzical look and a bit of scratching of the head, until you say "it's midway down the east side of France just above the French Alps" and suddenly there's a flicker of understanding.

Yet for such an under-rated area it packs a rather powerful punch. Its landscape, much of it carved through the movement of glaciers, is

dramatic and lush. The forests and foliage blanket the area in deep greens, while streams, waterfalls and lakes are sprinkled liberally in between rising rock faces and plateaus.

It's close enough to the likes of Geneva and Lausanne and the rest of Switzerland for day trips to be varied, and with the majesty of the Alps an hour or so away, those who want a bit of snow-capped magnificence will come away happy too.



Perhaps most crucially, it is easily reachable in a day from Calais, if you don't mind six hours of driving. The rewards, rest assured, are worth it.

Our destination is Lac de Chalain, its deep, cool, crystal clear turquoise waters a magnet for fishermen, swimmers and anyone with a love of the water. It is also home to two of the region's most popular campsites.

At one end is the busy and bustling Domaine de Chalain; a huge site which sprawls into woodland and is surrounded by steep cliffs.

At the other is La Pergola – a far more relaxed, smaller site. Its steep terraces offer views across the lake and the surrounding greenery.

It is here we stay and it is here we remember that there is an art to a family holiday. My children – 16, 10 and seven – demand a diverse range of entertainment. My wife and I want peace and quiet, and safety for the kids to find themselves.

Holiday operator Eurocamp is reporting a healthy line of bookings this summer, despite the recession. The long-haul flight destination's loss is very much the accessible French campsite's gain, and Eurocamp is nothing if not family-friendly.

Its accommodation is hard to fault – we stay in a three-bedroom 'Superior' mobile home which boasts a Tardis-like amount of living space. With scorching weather it's hard to beat lounging on the terrace which comes with it – enjoying a glass of wine with a view over the lake.

With so much to see and do nearby, spending time on site seems almost wasted. Yet it's hard to resist. The large swimming pool is a real sun trap, while the beach which surrounds the lake gives you the freedom to do pretty much anything else. And everything is so gloriously clean.

If the weather takes a turn for the worse, a trip to the Eurocamp courier's tent reveals a pile of games, books and sports gear for you to borrow.

It's tough in these times for a family holiday to still excite, enthrall and deliver all the memories we have come to demand – and fit ever-shrinking budgets. Yet the sums still add up here.

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• Chris Britcher was a guest of Eurocamp at the La Pergola site in the Jura region.



A seven-night break in late August for a family, in a two-bedroom 'Superior' mobile home (sleeps seven) with decking, at Eurocamp's La Pergola parc, is just £587, accommodation only.

• Ferry crossings, fly-drive packages or rail travel can be arranged through Eurocamp at a supplement. Crossing options include all the regular cross-Channel operators including Eurotunnel, P&O, SeaFrance and LD Lines.

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PROPERTY NEWS

Bank making it easier for parents to help out

LLOYDSTSB has just launched a mortgage deal that allows parents to help their children buy their first home without having to make a big cash gift.

Called Lend a Hand, the scheme offers first-time buyers a 95 per cent loan-to-value (LTV) mortgage at a fixed rate of 4.39 per cent, provided parents hold enough savings with Lloyds.

This way, parents retain ownership of their savings, which earn a fixed rate of 3.5 per cent for three-and-a-half years, but LloydsTSB takes a legal charge on these monies.

The savings will generally need to be 20 per cent of the property's value and, if the borrower defaults on the mortgage, the bank can claim the cash.

However, after the three-and-a-half years, if loan repayments and/or rising house prices have taken the LTV down to 90 per cent or less, the bank will remove its charge on the savings and the first-time buyer then continues to operate the mortgage independently.

The mortgage deal also requires the first-time buyer to put down a five per cent cash deposit and there is a fee of £995.

Gap is closing between asking and selling price

THE majority of surveyors – almost 60 per cent – are now reporting that the gap between asking and selling price is narrowing, research has revealed.

Last August, results of the same survey by the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors revealed that the gap was widening.

Across the UK, houses are selling at an average of 11 per cent below the asking price, with sellers in some regions being forced to accept as much as 26 per cent discount off their advertised price.

Brigid O'Leary, RICS senior economist, said: "The improvement in sentiment that has been captured in recent housing market surveys is reflected in a narrowing in the gap between asking and selling prices.

"As new instructions continue to decline, a lack of supply is providing some support to house prices.

"Even so, some caution is still warranted. While the pace of the downturn may be easing, the housing market will still be challenged by an uncertain economic backdrop, the threat of rising unemployment and continued restrictions on mortgage finance."



Drop in homelessness welcomed by charity

■ BY NICK AMES

HOUSEHOLDS classified as homeless are down by more than a quarter, according to the latest Government figures.

The new figures issued by the Department for Communities and Local Government show the number of people accepted as homeless by local authorities in England was down 26 per cent on last year.

Between January and March, the numbers fell to 11,350, down from 15,430 last year.

The largest year-on-year decrease in the number of households in temporary accommodation was also highlighted in the figures, which had reduced by 17 per cent.

However, there were still some 64,000 households in temporary accommodation at the end of March this year.

The Government's target is to reduce the number of households in temporary accommodation to 50,500 by next year.

Housing minister John Healey said: "We've made homelessness a high priority with the biggest-ever cash injection of £220 million over three years to tackle and prevent homelessness. Today's figures are testament to the hard work put in by local authorities and other agencies.

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"At the same time we're helping families and first-time buyers into affordable homes through our £8 billion housing programme, bringing forward £550 million to provide thousands more social homes sooner and real help now for those at risk of repossession."

Topping the number of acceptances as the reason for homelessness was parents, relatives or friends being no longer willing or able to accommodate them.

Next, with 19 per cent of cases, was the breakdown of a relationship, often due to domestic violence, closely followed by the ending of an assured shorthold tenancy.

The smallest group, with three per cent, were made homeless due to mortgage arrears, falling slightly from the previous five quarters.

Sam Younger, chief executive of Shelter, said: "Any drop in new cases of homelessness is to be welcomed, provided it is brought about by genuine work to prevent people from losing their homes in the first place.

"But the fact remains that 64,000 households are still housed in temporary accommodation, lacking the safety and security of a permanent home.

"The only real way to lift people out of homelessness is to urgently build more affordable homes to ensure that everyone has a decent, secure home of their own."



CASE STUDY: The number of people registered as homeless has fallen by more than a quarter over the past year

Lending up as buying gets more affordable

NEW mortgages for home-buyers rose 16 per cent in April, according to the latest figures – but there are still fewer than at the same time last year.

The Council of Mortgage Lenders calculations showed an upswing in the number of people buying properties. However, the level of 35,600 mortgages is still 28 per cent down on a year ago.

The number of remortgage products has continued to fall as borrowers continue to sit happily on low standard variable rates.

Mortgages to first-time buyers were up 11 per cent in April on the month before – but still down 28 per cent on a year ago.

The average loan-to-value level for first-time buyers was 75 per cent – compared with 89 per cent a year ago.

Income multiples have also fallen from 3.33 to 2.96 – meaning first-time buyers looking to take advantage of falling house prices are able to borrow less and need larger deposits.

However, buying is becoming more affordable, with first-time buyers committing 15 per cent of income to pay mortgage interest, the lowest proportion since May 2004.

Ashley Brown, managing director of mortgage broker Moneysprite, said: "First-time buyers are crucial to any property market recovery, so an 11 per cent increase in first-time buyer loans is encouraging.

"Affordability is the key, and the combination of low prices, lenders easing borrowing criteria and buyers having the funds to put down 25 per cent deposits is making house-purchasing the most affordable it's been for some time."

The CML data also showed a rise in the number of people opting for fixed-rate mortgages – and long-term fixes.

CML head of research Bob Pannell said: "With the interest rate cycle now at its floor, an increasing proportion of borrowers are taking out fixed rates, including for longer-term periods of five-ten years."



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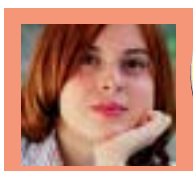
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Blue-eyed brunette, 27, 5ft1, loves films, walking, darts, pool, singing, me time! WLTW honest guy with GSOH, to get to know. Box 880105

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ME AND YOU
Medium build lady, 28, brown hair, green eyes, seeking honest guy who looks after number one, for lasting relationship. Box 451834

GETTING TO KNOW YOU...
Socialable girl, 28, loves pubs, social drinks, meeting new people & more, seeks similar male, 58-62, for a lasting relationship. Box 446756

GIVE AND TAKE IN LOVE
Lovely lady, 30, blue eyes, brown hair, seeking LTR with male 30-35, 6ft+, no baggage, in the Maidstone area. Box 448471

HAPPY SHOPPER!
Easygoing female, 32, enjoys shopping, football, eating out, cosy night in, WLTW loving, caring white male, 35-47, for long-term, loving relationship. No time-wasters. Box 444214

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CUDDLY FEMALE
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Are you the one? I'm 33, 5ft2, pure country lass from farming background, seeking lovely country man to make me forever happy. Box 892265

HAPPY DAYS!
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GALLOP AHEAD!
Maidstone-based woman, 36, 5ft5, slim, blue eyes. I'm caring, honest and have 4 children. I enjoy drives and horse riding and WLTW honest, reliable man. Box 451311

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37yr old female, 2 kids, slim, brown hair and eyes, 5ft2, looking for a caring, loving, honest and trusting male to be my someone special. Box 446552

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Good looking woman, 37, 5ft2, brown hair/eyes, two kids. Looking for new friends and hopefully someone special. Box 446039

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Happy but shy girl of 37, loves all the normal things in life, seeks a mature guy, hoping for something lasting and meaningful. Boxhill-on-Sea. Box 452424

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Bubbly, cuddly, blonde single mum, 39, 5ft8, likes cars, reading, pubs, cosy nights in, having a laugh, looking for that right male for LTR. Box 905614

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Lovely pretty big-busted lady, 39, medium build, 5ft5, lots of energy! Likes the gym, reading, new experiences! seeking nice man for potential exciting relationship! Box 446724

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Kent female, 40, 5'7", dark eyes, GSOH, no ties, likes cosy nights in, socialising, country pubs, cinema, seeks loyal, caring male, for friendship & more. Box 152862

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JOINED AT THE HIP
Socialable petite girl with great SOH, 40, blonde, sociable, love football! Looking for fun guy with great SOH for inseparable partnership. Box 880434

BETWEEN US
Asian lady, 41, single, no ties, out going, fun loving, professional, looking for a white male, genuine, professional and solvent. Box 451900

FOR A RELATIONSHIP?
Shy but confident once-known female, 40, likes socialising, tennis, walks, swimming; seeks gent with similar interests to find hopeful love with. Box 452106

NO TIES
Lonely, bored, professional Tunbridge Wells Asian lady, 40, WLTW slim, single, solvent, professional white male 40-50 for company, fun, love and laughter. Box 443573

A HEART FULL OF LOVE
Nice looking, genuine 41yr old mixed race female, likes cinema, walks, eating out, bowling, WLTW a genuine good natured white male, GSOH, for fun filled friendship/relationship. Box 450890

A FAIRY TALE ENDING
Easy-going blonde animal lover, 41, easy-going and tactile, enjoy eating out, cinema and pubs, looking for a lovely, caring and funny man, 35-45. Box 451079

ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE
Hello, I'm Nikki, 41yr young, 5ft1, enjoys dining out, cinema and dancing, seeking a male for friendship, possible romance and fun times. Box 444796

I SHOULD BE SO LUCKY
Hello, I'm Karen, 42, dark brown hair, medium build, GSOH, looking for a man with no issues and GSOH who can enjoy life with me. Box 452204

COSY TIMES TOGETHER
Fun-loving female, 42, looking for someone who can make me laugh and enjoys country walks, films, travelling and a nice evening cuddled up. Box 881545

ACTIVE TYPE
Lively, energetic and fun loving mum, 42, I'm 5ft3, petite, pretty, blonde/brown hair/hazel eyes, WLTW mixed race/blonde, to share good times with. Box 451819

A WARM HEART AND GSOH
Lovely bubbly mum, 43, 5ft6, green eyes, dark hair, medium build, loves salsa dancing, new things, bowling, quiet nights in, looking for companionship and more. Box 880090

YOU NEVER KNOW
Kind, loving and caring mum, 43, 5ft5, round but cuddly! Just looking for someone to share my life with...how about you? St. Leonards-on-Sea. Box 446457

GENUINE REPLIES ONLY
Bubbly female, 44, brunette, N/S, medium/large build, enjoys singing and theatre, Would love to meet a decent fun-loving guy, similar age, pref non-smoker for LTR. Box 445955

ALONG THE SHORE

Recently divorced woman, 43, 5ft3, slim, hard-working, fun-loving, likes life, looking for a really nice and trust-worthy guy for a relationship. Hastings Box 451469

THIS STATE OF INDEPENDENCE
Hard-working female, 41, 5'4", bubbly, independent woman, love to laugh, socialising with friends, looking for independent man who values TLC. Box 414156

COULD IT BE YOU?
Hi I'm 44, slim, 5ft4, a redhead, love nights out, socialising, looking for friendship initially and hopefully more later on. Box 889800

LOVING IT LARGE
Spiritual 44yr old female, enjoy gardening, cooking and walks on the beach, WLTW a warm, loving and caring male for friendship, maybe a LTR. Box 444803

DO YOU HAVE THE BRAINS & THE LOOKS?
Professional, attractive female, 54, enjoys the countryside, gardening, keeping fit, reading and live music, looking to meet an attractive and intelligent man for a relationship. Box 448653

FANCY A FILM?
Hi, I'm Pam, 47, 5ft11, brown hair, hazel eyes, slimish, divorced, looking for a LTR with a nice and genuine man. No time-wasters please! Heathfield. Box 448626

SOUND GOOD?
Hi I'm Lynne, 46, 5ft4, dark hair/eyes, love reading/writing, going out, astrology, cars; seeking honest, caring, outgoing guy to enjoy music, fun, friendship and more! Box 449186

ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME?
Caring, cute female, 46, petite, likes socialising, dancing, travelling, good food, seeking intelligent, loyal male 42-52 for love and TLC. Seaford. Box 444366

IT'S WHAT YOU MAKE OF IT!
44yr old female, blonde hair, 5ft5, slim, easygoing, enjoy many things in life, looking for someone similar out there to enjoy life with! Box 436810

2'S COMPANY
Seeking gent, 46-50ish. I'm a divorced woman in Ryde, 47, work in nursing and WLTW someone loving and faithful. I like meals out, theatre, arts, walks. Box 452503

MAYBE YOU'RE THE ONE?
Hi I'm Mandy, chocolate brown hair, blue eyes, 48, seeking human male (preferably) for nights out, socialising, clubbing, meals, lots of laughs and much more. Box 437489

BE MY FRIEND AND LOVER
Bubbly, caring lady, 47, divorced with 2 teenagers, dark hair, medium build, into cooking, driving, love to talk, laugh and have fun, seeking a normal guy Box 425952

ARE YOU LOVING & CARING?
Young 48 year old, loving, caring, very bubbly, 5ft5, medium build, blonde blue eyes, likes clubs, cinema, eating out, cosy nights, good company Box 434089

BE MY GUY
Young 50s lady, slim, 5ft4, fair hair, a smoker, loves music, going out, cooking, gardening, seeking similar loving, caring, honest male. Box 449288

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Caring woman of 52, normal, down-to-earth, open minded and loves to give, looking for an understanding and caring female to enjoy films, walks and more. Box 452463

TAKE A CHANCE ON ME
Average female, 53, 5ft4, slim/med build, GSOH, enjoys most things in life, WLTW fun-loving man for friendship, maybe more. Box 878962

COMPANIONSHIP LAUGHTER, MORE
Curvy, cuddly, outgoing, friendly, honest female, 53, 5ft7, larger build, fair hair, likes socialising, country walks, theatre, cinema, music, swimming, WLTW similar loving male. Box 445452

DO YOU HAVE THE BRAINS & THE LOOKS?
Professional, attractive female, 54, enjoys the countryside, gardening, keeping fit, reading and live music, looking to meet an attractive and intelligent man for a relationship. Box 448653

FULL OF LIFE
Friendly Mike, 34, 6ft9, big build, clean shaven, GSOH, likes music, swimming, walks, looking for a lovely bubbly lady, 38-48, for a friendship. Box 452817

THE SKY'S THE LIMIT
Seeking honest woman, who I can be myself with. I'm a genuine male, 34, GSOH and enjoy sports, sky diving, drinks out, swimming. Box 878986

SMART MOVE
Spontaneous, friendly, lively female, 55, likes cinema, walking, cooking, socialising, seeks similar person for friendship leading to hopefully more. Box 430854

LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS!
Smart petite lady, 56, 5ft4, tall, blonde hair, green eyes, likes restaurants, theatre, cinema, travel abroad; seeking happy guy with similar interests. Box 448736

NO SHALLOWNESS
Intelligent lady, 55, 5ft8, large build, looking for a nice, genuine male who enjoys theatre, meals, laughter, music, relaxing and good conversation. Box 444145

SOMETHING NEW
Caring female with GSOH, 58, 5ft2, brown hair/eyes, likes beach walks, theatre, holidays and music; WLTW male with GSOH, genuine, for friendship, maybe more. Box 447652

DREAMS OF YOU
Genuine, caring lady, late 50s, slim & young looking, looking for a loyal, considerate, N/S male for long term relationship. Box 446566

WALKS ALONG THE COAST
Honest & sincere female, 58, tall, GSOH, loves country pubs, coasts, cinema, seeking a man who's a match for me with GSOH for relationship. Box 441622

NEVER TOO LATE
Hello, I'm Betty, 62, cuddly widow, 5ft5, brown hair/brown eyes, GSOH and love life, seeking a like-minded gent for companionship and more. Box 452329

CALL ME LOVE
Young at heart 63yr old woman, likes most things, looking for a genuine male, for friendship and more. Box 452692

SOMEONE TO SHARE LIFE WITH
Attractive retired lady, 63, loves swimming and cycling, cinema, eating out...seeks company with a great SOH, young-minded, to enjoy anything that happens. Box 451579

SOMEBODY TO LAUGH WITH...
Lovely lady looking for companionship, 63, 5ft3, medium build, brown hair/eyes, loves dancing, walks and animals; seeks similar male with great SOH for lasting happiness. Box 446382

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ANY OFFERS?
Curvy female, 26, 5ft9, blue eyes, likes reading, painting, walks and nights in, WLTW an honest, sincere and feminine female for a possible relationship. Box 452108

JUST A GIRL
Bubbly, feminine, attractive lady seeking the same! I'm slim, athletic, blonde hair/blue eyes. I'm 28 and WLTW similar female. Box 878997



MEN seeking women

FOR LOVE
Average male, 29, 5ft10, dark hair, brown eyes, medium build, plays harder! Likes going/eating out, walks, pubs, loves life, seeking similar happy, trustworthy lady. Box 442752

HAPPY CHAPPY
Hi! I'm a happy-go-lucky man, 33, a plumber, I enjoy life and everything in it. I'm fit and active and seeking the same in a woman. Box 452394

UP FOR IT?
Maidstone male, 33, 6ft, muscular, GSOH, fair hair/blue eyes, likes Thai boxing, pubs, having fun, cosy nights in, house/hop music, WLTW loving, attractive, slim female. Box 446299

TRY ME
Down-to-earth, laid back guy, a father of 2, 5ft7, 35, brown eyes, shaved head. I enjoy eating out, swimming, films and family time. Box 451418

MAKE YOUR MARK
Attractive single father, 35, 5ft7, brown eyes, medium build, shaved head, likes to go to parks, swimming, the usual. Seeking lady to share good times. Box 452143

SENSE OF HUMOUR A MUST!
Big Mike here! I'm 35, 6ft8, blue eyes, great sense of humour. I don't smoke or drink and I'm looking for a big, bubbly woman. Box 452560

LOOKING FOR YOU!
Tall, dark and handsome! I'm a 35yr old guy, 5ft11 and enjoy most things in life, drinks out, quiet nights in etc. Box 452397

THE BUZZ
Happy easygoing man, 37, 6ft4, brown hair/green eyes, enjoys pubs, restaurants and gym, looking for a girl to take out and entertain. Tunbridge Wells. Box 452421

GET ME OUTTA HERE!
Loyal, trustworthy, honest family man, 37, independent, stocky, 5ft6, non-smoker, VCSOH, thoughtful, aware of others people's feelings, with morals/standards. Aquarian. Seeking similar loving lady. Box 879755

LOOKING FOR A BIKER LADY!
Interests: music, bikes, cars, travel, cosy nights in. I'm male, 38, kind, genuine, down-to-earth, loving, 5ft9, slim, shaved head, blue eyes. WLTW wine, biker lady. Box 451302

HOP! NIP!
Hi, I'm Mark, 6ft, slim/medium build, lots of interests including motorcycles, WLTW a kind and honest female to share fun times and laughter with. Box 445124

FULL MARKS
Hi I'm Andrew, 38, 6ft3, dark hair, blue eyes, hardworking guy, friendly, tactile & outgoing, likes enjoying life, WLTW easygoing female for friendship/relationship. Box 443488

TAKE A CHANCE
Fun-loving guy with 2 kids, 39, friends say I'm good-looking, seeking a lovely and nice woman to start something special with. Box 452351

TRUSTWORTHY
Margate man, 37, 6ft3, dark hair, nice big build, I work in residential care and address and help people with disabilities, with a GSOH. Box 423437

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Easygoing male, 40, likes most things in life, seeks slim white female 21-45 for company, friendship and more. Box 451889

MARSHAL ME
Chris, 39, 5ft7, stocky, green-blue eyes, short hair, Virgo, GSOH, love swimming, walks on beaches, days out, seeking similar female, for loving times. Box 440167

INTELLIGENT AND FUNNY
Enquiring, motivated, compassionate, open-minded and easygoing male, 41. Love people who show happiness, uniqueness, optimism, generosity, kindness and independence. Do you fit the bill? Box 880927

A NEW LIFE
Quite (a little bit shy) widower, 41, loves cooking, looking for an older lady for a serious relationship. Box 452701

NOW OR NEVER
Hi there, I'm a 42yr old male, 5ft11, medium build, dark hair. I like sports, theatre, music, films. Looking for like-minded lady. Box 451825

SIMON SAYS...
Single dad, 42, 5'10", average build, young-looking though greying. WLTW lady for friendship, evenings out, maybe more. East Sussex. Box 963530

LONG-TERM THING
I'm Ian, caring, romantic, loyal guy, 44, 5ft11, slim/medium build, fair hair and blue eyes, GSOH, WLTW a lady 25-50 slim/medium build. Hastings area. Box 451334

BIG DEAL IN DEAL
Warm, tactile male, 45, 6ft, likes socialising, pubs, clubs, cosy nights in, seeks like-minded female, for friendship, leading to more. Box 388967

HAND IN HAND
Divorced romantic, 46, medium build, solvent, likes holidays, 80s music, theatre, animals, sports, looking for that special woman to share my life with. Box 451654

MOVING ON
Recently widowed male, 46, just needs some company for chats, evenings in or out, perhaps something in future. Box 881241

LIFE'S FOR SHARING
Hi ladies, my name is Carlos. I'm 45, looking for an honest and loving lady to share life with. Box 879325

FAMILY LIFE
Happy-go-lucky dad, 46, sports, keeps in good shape, own place, looking for an honest person to get to know well, possibly for relationship. Box 452446

CATCH OF THE DAY
Divorced male, 47, interests: fishing, cinema, sport, long walks, countryside, eating out/romantic dinners. I'm looking for someone special, to cuddle up with. Box 451875

PHONE TONE!
Hello, I'm Tony, 47, 5ft8, slim but not skinny, enjoy music, animals and bowling, looking for a special lady to love and care for. Box 452322

IS IT ME YOU'RE LOOKING FOR?
Kind, genuine, down-to-earth male, 47, seeking companionship and LTR. 5ft10, cropped hair, blue eyes, hoping to meet a lady who's hoping to meet a guy with cuddly belly! Box 449583

LOOKING FOR TRUE LOVE

Bubbly upbeat gent, 48, 6ft, brown hair, hazel eyes, medium build, one son, caring and considerate...enjoys walks, pubs and cosy nights in. Box 452812

FIT AND FUNNY
Single, solvent, open-minded and good-looking guy, 48, builder by trade - has got a brain though! Seeks a slim woman for friendship and more. Box 878632

MOTORS NEWS



More powerful IQ looks set to be a clever move

TOYOTA'S impressive but premium priced IQ city car gets a power boost in July with the launch of a new 1.33-litre petrol version.

The 99bhp IQ3 is priced at £11,495 (manual) and £12,495 ('Multidrive' auto), sitting above current 67bhp 1.0-litre IQ versions from £9,495.

The IQ seats three adults and, possibly, a child in a fourth seat yet still averages nearly 60mpg thanks to 'Stop & Start' automatically cutting the engine when the car stops at the lights, for instance, and then re-firing it.



Honda restart Civic in bid to kick-start sales

HONDA has just restarted production of the Civic family hatchback at its Swindon plant, and now aims to kick-start sales again with deals saving as much as £2,000.

Buyers can have £1,200 off the 1.4-litre i-VTEC Civic Type S hot hatch Type-R lookalike, for instance – now £13,550.

The Type R GT itself though, is on sale for just £17,980 – two grand off normal list price.

Honda dealers can help out on these and other tempting Civic deals with zero per cent finance too.



More materialistic Astra coming your way soon

VAUXHALL has made 'packaging' the watchword for the eye-catching Astra, due later this year.

The current car boosted interior quality, but its replacement aims even higher and rethinks storage solutions while cleverly echoing the 'blade' theme of the classy exterior – expressed by details like the gooseneck shape of the door grab handles.

Innovations include two removable compartments for the glove compartment, plus a second mini-glove box, while reaffirming the need for a 12v socket for young rear passengers' MP3 players and games consoles.



ECONOMIC? The Ford Focus EcoNetic presses the right buttons when it comes to eco-friendly driving, but you will have to pay the price to do your bit for the environment

Eco version of UK's star car doesn't come cheap

LIKE a dose of medicine, eco-friendly cars will make the world feel better long term, but can be hard to swallow now.

Drive one and you laud the cleverness of the carmaker, yet choke on some big 'buts'.

Common minuses are tortoise-like acceleration as a price for miserly motorway cruising and hard compound, low-rolling resistance tyres that are great for mpg stats but evoke unwanted nostalgia about cornering a Citroën 2CV.

Fortunately, the taste left from 'greening' Britain's perennial best-selling car is less bitter than most – providing you can pay extra for it.

For the Ford Focus 1.6 TDCi EcoNetic starts at £17,495 for a three-door – prices for the same 90PS (89bhp) diesel engine in standard form start from around £1,500 less and you get two extra doors thrown in.

What the EcoNetic brings instead is an average mpg in the mid-60s – around 3mpg better than the mainstream version – plus a lower suspension/body, rear spoiler and a set of 'eco' tyres, all to cut drag and fuel consumption.

ROAD TEST FORD FOCUS ECONETIC

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

Emissions are slightly lower too, but the road tax (£35/year) remains the same.

So, if it is more important to you to be 'eco', as in 'economy' rather than eco-friendly, the EcoNetic is a non-starter on paper; you will never recoup that money unless you pull off a stunning deal at the start – and Ford list prices can be amazingly flexible if you speak seriously to dealers, or you are a company.

However, this is a greener car you can drive without being constantly reminded of sacrifice for the environment; the EcoNetic is surprisingly lively though the tyres will rebuke you for exploiting the well-poised Focus chassis and the electronic stability control fitted as standard across the range.

You might say that there is little point in buying an eco-friendly car if you intend to chuck it about as soon as you hit some clear tarmac – good point.

And having paid handsomely for the EcoNetic, wasting fuel and tyres afterwards is a pretty silly thing to do, but it does show that a fine car has not been emasculated.

You also get all the other Focus benefits: good build quality, well-arranged cabin, good accommodation and comfort and a decent ride.



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IT IS an ill wind that does not blow somebody some good, so recessions are a chance for the cash-rich to buy used examples of aspirational cars. The BMW 3-Series, Audi A4 and Mercedes C-Class compact executive stars, are prime targets for shrewd buyers as hard-pressed owners or companies liquidate assets to shore up overall finances. And if you are not fixated on a diesel, the bargains are even better on cars like the legendary BMW 3-Series straight-six petrol models, with a choice of saloon, coupe, Touring (estate) or Convertible.

BMW 3 SERIES



REGARDED as the No1 compact executive model for driving pleasure and sheer swank value, the used 3-Series' prestige crown is threatened by the numbers available, plus pressure from the Audi, Merc and other plausible rivals. There is plenty of choice, from previous generation Compact hatchbacks to stylish estates and up to barnstorming M3 supercars as well as four and two-door stalwarts. Top engines are the classic BMW straight-six petrol and some smooth diesels – especially the huge-selling six-speed 320d variants.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

AUDI A4



AUDI'S ambitious compact executive challenger used to be seen as an also-ran hampered by front-wheel drive rather than the 'purist's choice' – rear-wheel drive – used by the rival BMW and Merc. However, the overall rise of Audi and cachet of its Quattro all-wheel drive versions turned the A4 into the 'thinking man's choice', though numbers in circulation and some ill-judged customisation of used examples could be undermining that. It under-achieves on the driving front, but lacks nothing in engineering.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
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MERCEDES BENZ C-CLASS



MERCEDES-BENZ put down a marker with the latest C-Class, creating a robust car almost as good to drive as the BMW and arguably better looking than either of its fiercest rivals. Combined with the most prestigious badge of the German trio, this makes the current 'C' sought after on the nearly new market, though previous generation cars are less so thanks to a period of poorer built and reliability. This means there are bargains – diesel estates are the pick.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
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Email: office@thomasaveling.co.uk Website: www.thomasaveling.co.uk/jobs

Cover Supervisors x 2

Salary: NJC Scale D2 point 12 – Point 21 (presently £14,891 - £18,937 fte)
Term Time - 30 hours per week (Term time only)
Commencing September 2009

A rewarding opportunity has arisen for two pro-active, organised and self-motivated persons to join a successful and over-subscribed secondary school to provide teaching cover supervision across the school and cover for absent colleagues as required to a maximum of 25 lessons per week. In addition the successful applicants will be required to support student behaviour management systems and may occasionally be required to undertake other reasonable tasks commensurate with the role as may become necessary from time to time.

Closing date for applications: Friday 26th June 2009

Please send your letter of application (available on the school website) with your CV to: Mr S Rayner, Finance and Business Manager, to the above address.

The Thomas Aveling School is an equal opportunities employer - committed to safeguarding the welfare of all students and an enhanced CRB check will be required for the successful applicant.

New Line Learning Academy

E Mail personnel@newlinelearning.com
Tel: 01622 743152
11-16 Mixed Foundation School

New Line Learning Academy was opened on the Boughton Lane site in record time and marks the beginning of a process that will see the Academy rebuilt by September 2010. Our academies offer opportunities to improve outcomes for students attending our schools by placing a greater emphasis on responding to individual need.

We are looking to recruit for the following posts for September 2009:

COVER SUPERVISOR

Kent Scheme 5 £16,221-£17,842 Pro Rata
Full Time, Term Time only

The post involves covering staff sickness and training days at this mixed ability Academy. You will be required to cover all subjects as a floating teacher. We are seeking a strong candidate with a high level of initiative and strong classroom management skills.

SENIOR LAB TECHNICIAN

Kent Scheme 7 £20,262-£23,053 Pro Rata
Full Time, Term Time Only

This post involves co-ordinating the use and maintenance of practical resources and facilities. You will be required to provide assistance and advice to teachers, students and technicians regarding the practical needs of the Science Curriculum.

You will also be involved in supervising and directing the learning activities of groups of students to ensure their safety. You must therefore have a thorough understanding of Health and Safety procedures, especially relating to work in a laboratory, in order to actively contribute to the assessment, monitoring and review of Health and Safety procedures. The successful candidate will have excellent communication skills and the ability to relate well to both children and adults.

Application forms and job descriptions can be downloaded from www.newlinelearning.com, or contact the Personnel Department on the details above.

Closing date is Monday 29th June 2009.

Only applications on the Academy application form will be considered. All posts are subject to a satisfactory enhanced CRB disclosure.

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Gravesend Grammar School for Girls

A Specialist Science and Language College
Pelham Road, Gravesend, Kent DA11 0JE
Telephone: 01474 352896 Fax: 01474 331195 Website: www.gsgs.org.uk
email: enquiries@gsgs.org.uk



IT TECHNICIAN

37 hours per week (ie full-time)
Salary at KCS Band 5, £16,793 to £18,471

A full time ICT Technician is required as soon as possible to assist the ICT Technical Manager in supporting around 400 computers on our curriculum and administration networks.

The networks run MS Office 2003 and a variety specific software in a Windows XP/Windows 2003 network environment using RM Connect 3 and SIMS. Duties will include hardware maintenance, software installation and support and technical support to users. The network has over 1000 user accounts and ICT is an essential resource for both teaching and the school management.

The successful candidate will need to demonstrate their own initiative as well as functioning as part of a team, practical knowledge and problem solving strategies, high quality interpersonal skills, sensitivity to the different levels of expertise in staff and the commitment to keep abreast of new developments in software and hardware.

Application forms and further details are available from the Headteacher's Personal Assistant, Mrs M Tong Ralphs.

Completed forms should be returned by post, fax or email for the attention of Mrs E Wilson, Headteacher no later than **2nd July 2009**.

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.



THE THOMAS AVELING SCHOOL



(A Foundation Technology College)
Arethusa Rd, Rochester, Kent ME1 2UW Headteacher: Mr P Jackson, BSc
Tel: 01634 844809 Fax: 01634 818385
Email: office@thomasaveling.co.uk Website: www.thomasaveling.co.uk/jobs

Finance Clerk for Maternity Cover

Grade: D2 – Salary: £14891 - £18937 per annum
Hours: 37 hours per week
Start Date: 24th August 2009 expected to end on 1st April 2010

A pro-active and self-motivated person is required to join our small but friendly Finance Team to cover maternity leave for an estimated period of 7 months.

Previous financial and administrative experience is desirable and a knowledge of the education system would be an advantage.

Prospective candidates should be should be responsive to demand and capable of working on their own initiative as well as part of a team. Responsibilities will include: processing of purchase orders and invoices; administration of trip and events through the school fund; receipting and inputting of payments; dealing with queries from suppliers, students, and staff; general administrative duties.

This position will report directly to the Finance Officer and will include cash handling and processing responsibilities.

Closing date for applications: Friday 26th June 2009

Interviews: Expected to take place week commencing 6th July 2009

Please send your letter of application (available on the school website) with your CV to: Mr S Rayner, Finance and Business Manager, to the above address.

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COVER SUPERVISOR/ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

32.5 hours across a five day week (8.30 to 3.50)
Term Time and Development Days Only
(i.e. 39 weeks per year plus paid holiday entitlement)
Salary at KCS Band 4, initially Point 11
Pro rata £11,847 (full time £15,984)

A flexible person is required as soon as possible to work as a classroom cover supervisor and an administrative support for a busy school. The candidate will be required to supervise classes for most of their working day, while assisting with various administrative tasks the rest of their time. The ability to work independently with initiative and discretion, but within the context of a team, is essential. Experience of working with children and/or in an administrative capacity is desirable.

Application forms and further details are available from the Headteacher's Personal Assistant, Mrs M Tong Ralphs.

Completed forms should be returned by post, fax or email for the attention of Mrs E Wilson, Headteacher no later than **2nd July 2009**.

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Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School
Maidstone Road Rochester Kent ME1 3EL
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School Laboratory Technician (Science/Chemistry)

Grade: D2 – Salary: £14,891-£18,937 per annum pro-rata
Hours: 1 Technician 35 hours per week Term Time plus 5 inset days.

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You will be a motivated, conscientious and a reliable person able to work effectively as a member of a team as well as individually. Experienced in a laboratory environment with school technician experience an advantage.

Offer of appointment is subject to a satisfactory Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure.

Please contact the school for an application form and job description by telephoning:
01634 844008 or e-mail

office@sirjosephwilliamson.medway.sch.uk

Closing Date: Friday 3rd July 2009



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The successful candidate will be required to undertake a CRB Enhanced Disclosure check prior to the start of employment.

Please apply via email to Mrs Tanya Utton, Headteacher at: info1@ursuline.kent.sch.uk

Closing date: Friday 26th June 2009

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Kent Refugee Action Network,
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2 PART TIME SUPPORT WORKERS
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These 2 year posts funded by the Princess Diana Memorial Trust are for 15
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Please contact our Project Manager, Revd Kenneth Berkin at
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if you want to discuss these positions.

Application forms may be obtained from the KRAN office at 9 Priory Road,
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Programme Area Leader in Catering and Hospitality Ref: P0544

Salary: £30,204 - £33,935 per annum

We are looking to recruit an exceptional candidate to provide support to the Head of School on all Staffing, Student, Curriculum and Quality issues. The successful candidate will be able to demonstrate a significant level of competence in Teaching and Learning, have experience of the industry and have good negotiating/communication skills. The post holder will hold or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification.

Lecturer in Biology Ref: P0102

**Salary: £25,895 - £29,622 pro rata
18.5 hours per week**

We are looking to recruit an exceptional candidate to teach on and participate in the development of a range of Biology courses on Access, A levels and BTEC. The successful candidate will hold a relevant degree in Biology and possess or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification. We are looking for an individual with the passion to motivate our learners within their chosen field.

Lecturer in Sport Ref: P0102

Salary: £25,895 - £29,622 per annum

The College is looking for a passionate and enthusiastic professional to join the Sports team to teach, assess and participate in the development of Sports programmes. The successful candidate will hold at least a level three qualification and have some teaching/training experience along side industrial expertise. They must hold or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification.

Lecturer in Health Care Ref: P0650

**Salary: £25,895 - £29,622 pro rata
18.5 hours per week**

We are looking for a passionate candidate to be involved in the delivery of a range of Health Care programmes. The successful candidate will have proven knowledge and experience within Healthcare environments and hold or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification.

Lecturer in Performing Arts Ref: P0651

Salary: £25,895 - £29,622 per annum

We are looking for an experienced, creative and dynamic individual to work as a course tutor within the Performing Arts department. The successful candidate will be involved with the development of the department, driving forward new ideas and must be able to demonstrate innovative ways of working and hold or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification.

Departmental Administrator Ref: P0245

**Salary: £12,795 £16,059 per annum/pro rata
Full time – Medway Campus
Part Time – Maidstone Campus**

We are looking to recruit an Administrator/Secretary with excellent administration and organisational skills, who is able to demonstrate knowledge of office procedures and ability to use MS office packages.

Closing date: Wednesday 8 July 2009

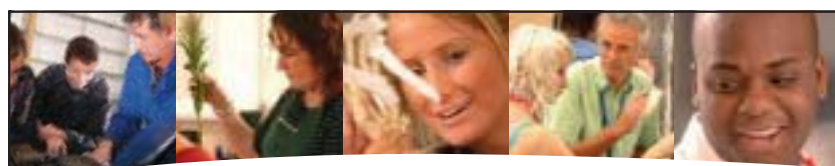
Mid-Kent College is working in partnership with RBLI Employment Solutions to support individuals who have a disability or health condition in the application, interview and employment with the college. If you would like any further information regarding RBLI, or require assistance with your application process then please contact RBLI on 0800 783 1144 or visit their website www.rbli.co.uk for information, advice and guidance.

The College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of employment is subject to a Criminal Records Bureau check in accordance with the College procedure.

Application forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk. Alternatively, please e-mail job.applications@midkent.ac.uk. For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the Personnel department on 01634 884402 (24 hour answer machine). In all communication with the

College please quote the appropriate job title and reference number.

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Career Opportunities



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Manager Health & Social Care	06/110
37 hours per week, salary starting at £33,858 per annum	
Section Manager Fine Arts, Crafts and Design	09/33
37 hours per week, salary starting at £33,858 per annum	
Lecturer Media – Radio Production and Media Studies	09/23
37 hours per week, salary range £18,387 – £26,363 per annum	
Lecturer Motor Vehicle/Motor Cycle Engineering	09/24
37 hours per week, salary range £18,387 – £26,363 per annum	
Lecturer Motor Sport Engineering	09/25
37 hours per week, salary range £18,387 – £26,363 per annum	
Lecturer Electrical Installation	09/26
37 hours per week, salary range £18,387 – £26,363 per annum	
Lecturer Mechanical Manufacture Engineering	09/27
37 hours per week, salary range £18,387 – £26,363 per annum	
Higher Education Supply Lecturers are required in the following areas:	S/HE
<i>Early Years to teach on Foundation Degree (applicants with experience of Communication and English for Early Years are welcome)</i>	
<i>Counselling (applicants must hold relevant professional counselling qualifications)</i>	
<i>Music Technology and Music Performance, to teach on Higher National Diploma and BA (Hons) music degree courses including supervision of dissertations</i>	
Various hours available, salary range £18,387 – £26,363 pro rata per annum	
NVQ Assessor Business and Management	09/28
22.2 hours per week, one year fixed term post. Salary range from £18,295 - £26,232 pro rata per annum	
NVQ Assessor Catering and Hospitality	09/29
22.2 hours per week, one year fixed term post. Salary range from £18,295 - £26,232 pro rata per annum	
Learning Support Independent Living and Leisure Skills	08/82
18.5 hours per week, 38 weeks term time. Salary starting at £16,914 pro rata per annum	
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Various hours available, salary range from £18,295 - £26,232 pro rata per annum	

The closing date for the above posts is Monday 6th July 2009 at 12 noon

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INVESTOR IN PEOPLE



Medway Adult and Community Learning Service has the following vacancies:

Part-time Play Workers Job ref:CAO623

Salary: NJC 7-15 (£6.54 - £8.43 per hour)

Location: Medway

We are recruiting for two play workers to look after children aged 0-4 and ensure their safety at all times whilst their carers study in the same room. Courses are planned for Wednesday mornings, 9.15-11.45am for 15 weeks initially. Additional courses may be planned according to demand.

Applicants should hold, or be working towards, NVQ Level 2 in Child Care, Learning and Development, have previous experience of looking after children and be prepared to work flexibly according to the needs of the Service. Knowledge of a minority ethnic language would be an advantage.

Curriculum Manager – Languages and Communication Job ref:CAO650

Salary LNFA 4-15 (£20,898 - £33,644 pa pro rata)

Hours: 33.3 hours per week

Location: Medway

Medway Adult and Community Learning Service is seeking to recruit a dynamic person with experience in organising learning programmes for Modern Foreign Languages, British Sign Language (BSL) and English as a Foreign Language (EFL).

Our Modern Foreign Language programme includes courses in a range of languages and levels. Our BSL programme currently consists of a range of courses from basic level up to the Level 2 certificate and our EFL programme, designed for visitors to the UK who are looking to gain an internationally recognised Cambridge qualification, includes courses for beginners through to advanced levels.

The successful candidate is likely to be:

- Able to work at any venue within the Medway area as required.
- Prepared to work flexibly according to the needs of the Service.
- Qualified to teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector.
- Experienced in the provision of post-16 education.
- Educated to degree level or holding a management qualification at Level 4 or above.

For an informal discussion please contact Hanife Dacosta (01634) 338456, email hanife.dacosta@medway.gov.uk

To apply for either of the above jobs

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Part time Internal Verifiers

Salary LNFA 8 (£16.05 per hour)

Location: Medway

We are recruiting for an experienced Internal Verifier to liaise with the allocated External Verifier and co-ordinate the provision of NVQs in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools (City & Guilds) and Children's Care, Learning and Development (City & Guilds) to Level 3.

The successful candidate will be:

- Knowledgeable of the occupational area and requirements of the qualification and hold a D34 / V1 qualification.
- Knowledgeable of assessment methodology.
- Prepared to work flexibly according to the needs of the Service and the learners to ensure that the course is fully delivered.
- Able to work at any venue within the Medway area as required.

Part Time Tutors

Salary LNFA 1-3 (£19.49 - £24.99 per hour)

Location: Medway

We are recruiting for enthusiastic part-time tutors to teach and participate in the development of programmes in the following areas:

- **Jewellery and silversmithing** with professional practical skills and design capability to teach beginners and experienced learners.
- **Pottery** with good throwing, hand-building and clay sculpture abilities together with a sound understanding of electric and gas firing kilns and appropriate glazes.
- **Self defence** to teach courses aimed at self-defence for women.
- **Sage Payroll** to teach Sage Payroll at introductory and intermediate levels. Previous experience of teaching Sage Payroll software would be an advantage.
- **Customer Service Skills** to plan and deliver short Customer Service Skills courses. Applicants should have previous experience of teaching Customer Service Skills.

- **Certificate in Office Skills** up to Level 2. Applicants should have previous experience of teaching Office Skills.

- **Drama** to teach acting skills to beginners and improvers.

- **Salsa dance** tutor to teach Salsa and other Latin American dances to beginners and improvers.

- **Malaysian or Thai cookery**

- **Floristry** to teach floristry courses to beginners and experienced learners.

- **Construction/bricklaying** to deliver the BtEC First Certificate in Construction to 16-19 year old non-employed learners.

- **Woodwork, plumbing and electrical** tutors to deliver subject specialist courses as well as general DIY.

- **Electrical inspection and testing** tutor to deliver accredited City & Guilds, Level 3, courses in electrical inspection and electrical testing.

- **Photography** tutor to deliver the C&G 7511-01 (level 2: Unit 206 Principles of photo image capture, Unit 211 Photo image presentation). The course aims to prepare learners for work in industry as well as developing photographic skills so good understanding of industry practice and requirements is essential.

- **AQA Certificate in Counselling** Skills Level 2. Applicants need to be a qualified, practising counsellor.

- **Active IQ Level 2 Gym** Instructor courses. Applicants should be qualified to teach gym instructing at Level 2.

- **Computerised Accounts** tutor to deliver our popular Computerised Accounts courses up to level 3 using the latest version of Sage software.

- **Family learning** tutors to deliver parent and child courses in the following subjects:

- Belly dancing
- Cookery
- ICT
- Fitness and sport

Applicants should have previous experience of working with children.

- **Parenting** tutor to teach an Understanding your child's behaviour course for parents and carers.

- **Family Language (ESOL)** tutor to plan and deliver Playing with Language courses. Applicants should have experience in delivering ESOL and working with adults and should be working towards or holding a L4/5 ESOL subject specialism qualification.

- **Skills for Life** ESOL subject specialists. Applicants should be working towards or holding a L4/5 ESOL subject specialism qualification.

Skills for Life Literacy 18.5 hours per week

Skills for Life Numeracy 18.5 hours per week

We are recruiting for enthusiastic and committed Skills for Life tutors to teach across all levels from Entry Level 3 to Level 2. Delivery will take place in a range of settings including Train to Gain, family literacy/numeracy, Fast Track to Level 2 and community projects.

For all part-time tutor posts you need to be:

- Qualified or highly skilled in the subject specialism.
- Qualified to teach adults. If you do not hold a Cert Ed, DTLLS or PTLLS, you must be prepared to start on a training course at the first available opportunity within your employment and definitely within the first year.
- A good communicator able to negotiate and support personalised learning within a group learning environment.
- Prepared to work flexibly according to the needs of the Service and the learner to ensure that the course is fully delivered.
- Able to work at any venue within the Medway area as required.

Medway Adult and Community Learning Service is committed to the National Skills for Life Strategy and operates a whole organisation approach to it. All staff are expected to have personal competence in English and Maths at Level 2. If you do not currently have evidence of achievement at this level, we will support successful appointees to undertake the Adult Literacy and Numeracy qualifications within the first year of working for us.

Medway Adult and Community Learning Service is committed to safeguarding and promotes the welfare of all learners and expects all staff to share this commitment.

For informal discussion or application pack for any of the part-time tutor posts, please contact Christine Osborne on 01634 338423 or email christine.osborne@medway.gov.uk

Closing date for all posts: 3 July 2009

Any offer of employment for these posts will be subject to a satisfactory Criminal Records Bureau enhanced disclosure and personal references.

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Monday, 6 July 2009

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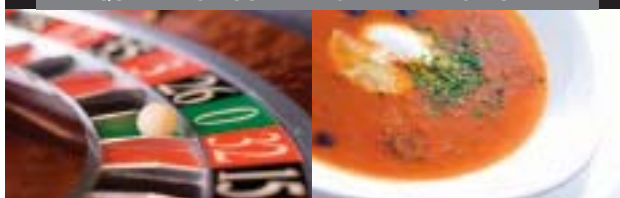
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Valence School

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This post involves working waking nights, and supporting students with their personal care needs over the night. There are a number of nights available. Kent Scheme Band 3 (pro-rata). £14,099 - £15,984 full time equivalent plus unsocial hours allowance

Mealtime Co-ordinator

3 hours per day (either 11am – 2pm or
12noon – 3pm) Term Time Only

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BY DAVID PRITCHARD

Kent Cricket League Division Three
Upchurch CC 1st XI v Minster CC 1st XI

A CATASTROPHIC batting display saw the previously invincible Upchurch suffer a first defeat of the season at the hands of Minster.

Upchurch went into the game looking for a seventh successive victory but failed to even make three figures after winning the toss, losing by seven wickets.

Opener Andrew Shirley was trapped lbw for a duck to become the first of James White's three wickets and it hardly got any better for the home side.

Michael Hales Jnr top scored with 24 but no other batsmen made it past 20 as the league leaders were humbled. Martin Hammond ripped out the lower order with 5 for 24 as Upchurch were dismissed for just 99.

In reply, Andy Hosken was caught off Daniel Parker's bowling to briefly give Upchurch hope, but Mark Tucker (27) and Kevin Barker (59) settled any nerves. Barker was still at the crease when Minster reached their target, with almost 30 overs to spare.

The victory ignited Minster's promotion hopes as they moved to within nine points of second position. Despite the defeat, Upchurch still have a healthy 23-point lead at the top of the table ahead of Saturday's home game against Gravesend. Minster play second-placed Wickham Park.

Upchurch get hit by first defeat of season



OUT: Upchurch skipper Dean Headley was out for a duck as his side's winning run came to an end with Saturday's hammering by Minster

SCOREBOARD

Upchurch

	Runs			
Andrew Shirley lbw b White	0			
Hal Pearson ct Duggan b Nichol	12			
Lee Taylor lbw b White	6			
Michael Hales jnr ct Barker b Rees	24			
Marc Bond ct Tucker b Hammond	2			
Michael Hales ct Nichol b Hammond	16			
Adam Hodder ct Barker b Hammond	4			
Daniel Parker ct Barker b White	17			
Dean Headley ct Rees b Hammond	0			
Craig Bewick lbw b Hammond	6			
Tim Mullis not out	1			
Extras (1b 3lb 7w)	11			
Total (all out, 41.4 overs)	99			

Batters

	O	M	R	W
Nathan Nichol	12	8	16	1
James White	6.4	0	31	3
Martin Hammond	14	5	24	5
Mike Rees	9	4	24	1

Minster (Sheppey)

	Runs			
Mark Tucker lbw b Hales jnr	27			
Andy Hosken ct Shirley b Parker	4			
Kevin Barker not out	59			
Joe O'Donoghue lbw b Hodder	0			
Neil Hosken not out	2			
Craig O'Donoghue did not bat				
Mike Rees did not bat				
George Duggan did not bat				
Nathan Nichol did not bat				
James White did not bat				
Martin Hammond did not bat				
Extras (7lb 2w)	9			
Total (3 wickets, 20.4 overs)	101			

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Daniel Parker	4	0	32	1
Marc Bond	1	0	5	0
Adam Hodder	9	2	25	1
Michael Hales jnr	6.4	2	30	1

LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

KENT LEAGUE PREMIER 2ND XI
Gore Court CC 2nd XI v Lordswood CC 2nd XI

LORDSWOOD remain in the mix for the Premier 2nd XI title after a 61-run win against Gore Court.

Batting first, no Lordswood batsmen made a half century but six scores between 20 and 40 saw them past the 200-mark from their 50 overs.

It was a vulnerable total but once the opening partnership was broken with 68 on the board, the Lords were in control. Kevin Masters was the pick of the bowlers with 5 for 26.

Lordswood

	Runs			
Laurence Frost	ct Piesley b Crompton	38		
Danny Moor	b Collins	6		
Matt Greenwood	ct Jones b Cooper	24		
Neil Fairclough	ct Collins b Sharp	25		
Paul Richards	ct Collins b Piesley	25		
Nathan Chapman	ct Clunn b Sharp	27		
John Williams	ct Crompton b Piesley	20		
Robert Norman	not out	12		
Kevin Masters	not out	0		
Matthew Thomas	did not bat			
Carl Laraman	did not bat			
Extras	(7b 8lb 7w)	22		
Total	(7 wickets, 50 overs)	214		

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Richard Jackson	9	2	21	0
Adam Collins	6	1	26	1
Richard Cooper	6	1	21	1
Dave Crompton	10	2	34	1
Chris Piesley	13	0	60	2
Nigel Sharp	6	0	37	2

Gore Court

	Runs			
Richard Cooper	ct Norman b Richards	29		
Chris Piesley	ct Thomas b Masters	47		
Kevin Jones	ct Laraman b Masters	0		
Paul Carlton	lbw b Masters	0		
Paul Clunn	ct Chapman b Masters	1		
Shaun Piesley	ct Laraman b Masters	5		
Adam Collins	ct Norman b Richards	20		
Richard Jackson	ct Richards b Williams	27		
Nigel Sharp	b Richards	0		
Dave Crompton	run out (Williams)	6		
Ian Edmed	not out	0		
Extras	(7b 1lb 7w 3nb)	18		
Total	(all out, 38.2 overs)	153		

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
John Williams	9.2	0	48	1
Nathan Chapman	4	0	25	0
Kevin Masters	15	7	26	5
Matt Greenwood	5	0	20	0
Paul Richards	5	0	26	3

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR
Rodmersham 1st XI v Rainham 1st XI

A DEVASTATING spell from Sandeep Rodrigo proved the difference as Rodmersham beat Rainham by four wickets.

Rodrigo dismissed Jonathan Prince before Rainham had a run on the board. The visitors recovered slightly thanks to runs in the middle order from James Sherhod and Stuart Chipperfield, but Rodrigo returned to remove the tail end route to 5 for 25.

Rodmersham lost their top order early on but Rodrigo and Robert Horne hit half centuries to set up a straightforward victory.

Rainham

	Runs			
Jonathan Prince	ct Foster b Rodrigo	0		
David Sherhod	b Azhar	14		
Phil Bellars	ct Foster b Nokes	8		
James Austin	ct Rodrigo b Nokes	15		
Callum Mitchell	b Azhar	15		
James Sherhod	ct Foster b Nokes	32		
Stuart Chipperfield	b Rodrigo	31		
Chris Small	ct Foster b Rodrigo	15		
Thomas Burns	b Rodrigo	1		
Paul Swaine	not out	0		
Matthew Newton	b Rodrigo	0		
Extras	(10lb 18w)	28		
Total	(all out, 45 overs)	159		

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Sandeep Rodrigo	9	2	25	5
Darren Nokes	15	1	41	3
Nazoomi Azhar	14	3	65	2
Dylan Emmett	7	2	18	0

Rodmersham

	Runs			
Liam Foster	ct Austin b Small	16		
Dave Cogger	ct Bellars b Sherhod	2		
Janie Horne	retired not out	2		
Sandeep Rodrigo	b Prince	53		
Robert Horne	ct Sherhod b Newton	55		
Lee Jackson	ct Bellars b Newton	3		
Dylan Emmett	ct Prince b Mitchell	10		
Sam Blackwell	not out	2		
Michael Willis	not out	0		
Nazoomi Azhar	did not bat			
Darren Nokes	did not bat			
Extras	(1b 1lb 9w 6nb)	17		
Total	(6 wickets, 36.2 overs)	160		

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Callum Mitchell	11.2	6	22	1
Matthew Newton	9	1	40	2
Chris Small	8	0	36	1
James Sherhod	4	1	30	1
Thomas Burns	3	0	25	0
Jonathan Prince	1	0	5	1

KENT CRICKET FEEDER LEAGUE 1B
Blue Bell Hill CC 1st XI v Sherwood CC 1st XI

BLUE Bell Hill remain in the promotion places after a 26-run win in a high-scoring game with Sherwood.

The home side made the most of winning the toss. Both openers fell just before half centuries but an unbeaten 93 from Jack Brivio propelled them to just shy of 300.

Sherwood's 265 for 5 would be enough to win most games but was short of what was required, to the home side's relief.

Blue Bell Hill

	Runs			
Michael Hanson	st Keeler b Boorman	42		
Jack Attridge	ct Mee b Hughes	48		
Jack Brivio	not out	93		
Tom Hightsted	ct Courtney b Fewtrell	49		
Leigh Short	not out	33		
Paul Brivio	did not bat			
Daniel Lovell	did not bat			
Nigel Munn	did not bat			
Paul Fookes	did not bat			
Neil Redmond	did not bat			
Kevin Attridge	did not bat			
Extras	(3b 6lb 14w 3nb)	26		
Total	(3 wickets, 46 overs)	291		

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Gary Andrews	8	1	41	0
James Courtney	4	1	25	0
Ben Hughes	6	0	34	1
Damian Mee	9	1	40	0
Dan Boorman	6	0	40	1
Grant McIlherson	6	0	38	0
Andrew Fewtrell	4	0	27	1
Ben Maitland	3	0	37	0

Sherwood

	Runs			
Alex Rossiter	b Fookes	5		
Dan Boorman	b Short	35		
Damian Mee	run out (Hanson)	64		
Andrew Fewtrell	b Hanson	62		
Richard Bull	not out	50		
Gary Andrews	st Attridge b Hightsted	32		
Colin Keeler	not out	4		
Ben Hughes	did not bat			
Grant McIlherson	did not bat			
James Courtney	did not bat			
Ben Maitland	did not bat			
Extras	(2b 8lb 3w)	13		
Total	(5 wickets, 46 overs)	265		

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Paul Fookes	7	0	37	1
Leigh Short	12	1	63	1
Nigel Munn	9	0	51	0
Tom Hightsted	11	1	62	1
Michael Hanson	7	0	42	1

KENT FEEDER LEAGUE EAST 1C
Sheppey CC 1st XI v Holcombe CC 1st XI

HOLCOMBE'S Paul Chell was the only man to hit a half century at Sheppey Sports Club on Saturday but it could not prevent his side slipping to a two wicket defeat.

Chell's 75 formed the backbone to Holcombe's innings, supported by Kevin Shipton, but a lack of runs in the middle order saw the visitors bowled out for 204.

Colin Dix and Sam Avery took three wickets apiece, but Sheppey got home with two wickets to spare.

Holcombe

	Runs			
Steve Barrett	ct Fagg b Takir	1		
Kevin Shipton	ct Cunningham b Sands	41		
Paul Chell	ct Barnes b Martin	75		
Colin Dix	ct Fagg b Takir	0		
Dion Davis	run out (Sands)	10		
Aaron Wadhams	ct Connor b Cunningham	17		
Sam Avery	st Connor b Sands	28		
Ben Poppy	b Cunningham	0		
Tom Dix	b Sands	10		
Tim Greenwood	b Cunningham	0		
Maurice Mulryne	not out	0		
Extras	(6b 5lb 11w)	22		
Total	(all out, 44 overs)	204		

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Kevin Cunningham Jnr	9	2	48	0
Naveed Takir	12	0	35	2
Bobby Cunningham	7	1	28	3
Paul Martin	6	1	36	1
Joe Sands	6	1	28	3
Kevin Barnes	1	0	1	0
Aaron Walker	3	0	17	0

Sheppey

	Runs			
Stuart Patt	b C Dix	34		
Glenn Fagg	b Chell	41		
Naveed Takir	ct Wadhams b T Dix	5		
Aaron Walker	lbw b C Dix	4		
Joe Sands	ct Wadhams b C Dix	32		
Bobby Cunningham	ct Dix b Avery	28		
Kevin Barnes	not out	21		
Jordan Connor	ct Chell b Avery	12		
Kevin Cunningham Jnr	ct Mulryne b Avery	1		
Paul Martin	not out	0		
Oliver Thatcher	did not bat			
Extras	(10b 3lb 16w)	29		
Total	(8 wickets, 46.3 overs)	207		

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Sam Avery	7	0	39	3
Dion Davis	12	2	55	0
Aaron Wadhams	9	0	30	0
Colin Dix	12	2	36	3
Tom Dix	6	0	23	1
Paul Chell	1	0	9	1

County face an anxious wait over Parnell

Picture ADY KERRY



TALENT: Wayne Parnell hopes to return to Kent, but South Africa may block the move

WAYNE Parnell's rise to fame in the ICC World Twenty20 could impact on his return to Kent as their overseas player, according to skipper Rob Key.

The county's director of cricket, Graham Ford told our sister paper Kent on Sunday last week the South Africa international's return to Canterbury might not be as simple as first thought after watching his stock rise in recent weeks.

Key, who watched Parnell take 3 for 14 against England to help beat his side by seven wickets in the Super Eights stage, said the 19-year-old is a precocious talent.

He said: "In the next couple of years I think he will be one of the best cricketers in the world, but I think he is probably getting there a bit quicker than I thought. People like that are like gold dust for countries so they are going to

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be very careful about him. He's 19 years old and bowls and bats as he does, so he is only going one way if he stays fit."

While the left-arm fast bowler continues to get rave reviews for his performances on the big stage, the likelihood of him returning to St Lawrence, despite him wanting to play again for Kent, looks bleak.

With both Amjad Khan returning and Robbie Joseph in good form, Key believes their availability as a new ball pairing will soften the blow.

He said: "At the moment we have Amjad Khan and Robbie Joseph who are both England qualified running into bowl and to be honest they are as good a new ball attack in the country."

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Picture ADY KERRY

IN THE DARK: Hove floodlights went out during game

Coach Willis says Hove debacle will unite his squad

KENT'S highly controversial Duckworth/Lewis defeat to Sussex at Hove will help spur the players on to progress in the Twenty20 Cup, according to county coach Simon Willis.

The Spitfires lost by two runs in the game on June 4 after a generator fuel pump broke, leaving eight floodlights unlit all night.

While the club are still smarting about the defeat and the missed opportunity of topping the South Division, Willis believes the incident will help galvanise the squad in their attempts to progress, which continue today against Surrey at The Oval.

He said: "I think in the past the players have shown that when we have had things go against us like the Worcester incident in 2007 and the points loss at Maidstone a few years ago, it brought us together. I'm sure the Sussex incident is going to do that again."

"The guys did feel harshly treated considering the cricket they played in that match so I'm sure that will bring us together as a unit and help us perform."

After playing two County Championship games tightly sandwiched right in the middle of the domestic Twenty20 competition, the Spitfires now again turn their attention to a different format. Willis admits the difference makes preparation far from ideal.

"You just can't get into any rhythm," he said. "You start a tournament and then suddenly it finishes and goes in a different direction, so that's been a bit unsettling."

Skipper Rob Key is back after returning from England duty, but has warned his side they need to take their opportunities if they are to progress in the competition.

He said: "We are in the toughest group by far for Twenty20 cricket and we have had our opportunities to be right at the top of it, but we've not taken them. We should be making sure we go through in the Twenty20 and that's going to be a big test."



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TOP TRAINING: Australian skipper Ricky Ponting (left) was able to give Kent players Phil Edwards (middle) and Warren Lee (right) some bowling pointers

Kent youngsters get to mix it with the Aussies

CRICKET

BY GLENN PEARSON

IT'S not every day you get to bowl against the cream of the world's cricketing talent, but for Kent's Academy youngsters it's becoming a regular thing.

Seven of the county's Academy and development squad were given the chance of a lifetime when they were asked to bowl at the Australian Test squad, who arrived in Kent last week to use the county's facilities in Beckenham.

Skipper Ricky Ponting and his squad visited the Worsley Bridge Road ground last Thursday to step up their preparations ahead of the Ashes series that begins with the first Test in Cardiff on July 8. Kent Academy youngsters Maurice Holmes, Adam Ball, Adam Riley and Matt Coles, together with 2nd XI players Phil Edwards, Warren Lee and

Charlie Hemphrey, were used as net bowlers during the session where they got the opportunity to bowl to the likes of Mike Hussey, Michael Clarke and Brad Haddin.

For seam bowler Phil Edwards, 25, who made his County Championship debut in Kent's first game of the season against Northamptonshire, rubbing shoulders with the likes of Australian pacemen Brett Lee and Mitchell Johnson can only help his game.

He said: "It was a really good experience standing next to Brett Lee getting ready to bowl, it was a bit surreal really. They were really good though, they all made an effort to talk to us during practice and gave us feedback about our bowling during the session which really helped."

Teenager Matt Coles left fast bowler Brett Lee, known to have some skill as a batsman, a little red faced after bowling him out during the session. The 18-year-old, who plays for Kent Premier League champions Hartley Country Club, was impressed with the Australians, particularly the likes of fast bowlers Lee, Johnson and Ben Hilfenhaus.

He said: "It's not every day you get to bowl with one of the best bowlers in the world, it was definitely a great experience. It was good to learn how they prepare to play on each wicket and the plans they have for each batsman, but they didn't tell us what they had planned for England's batters."

For Coles and several of his Academy teammates, it's not the first time they have been asked to bowl against top international batsmen. Two weeks ago, Kent's Academy group were invited to London to bowl against the Sri Lankans as preparation for the ICC World Twenty20. Academy director Phil Relf said that the experience, combined with training alongside the Australians, should benefit the young players in their goal of playing First-Class cricket for Kent.

"For our guys to get to bowl against the likes of Ricky Ponting, well that can only help their game," he said. "Hopefully it provided motivation and education from the world's best team and I'm sure they would be hard pressed not to have picked something up from watching them train."

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